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SAN FRANCISCO RECREATION COMMISSION

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RECREATION COMMISSION
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
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September 12, 1949

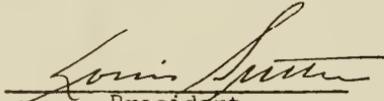
The Honorable Elmer E. Robinson
Mayor of the City and
County of San Francisco
City Hall, San Francisco

Subject: ANNUAL REPORT

My dear Mayor Robinson:

In compliance with Section 19-e of the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, the Recreation Commission is herewith submitting its Annual Report for the fiscal year 1948-1949.

Yours respectfully,



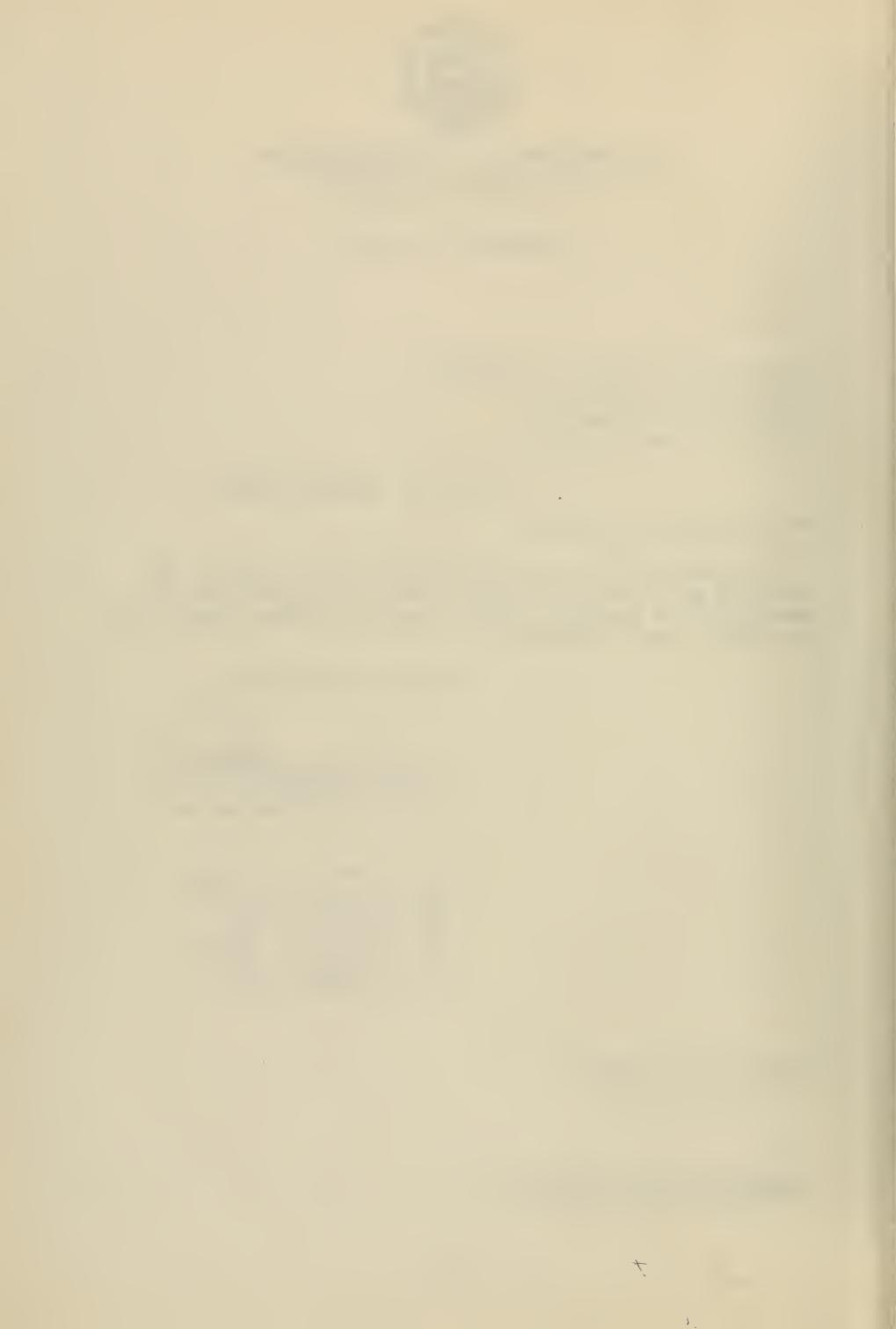
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MAYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

I N T R O D U C T I O N

"It's As Simple As This"

"It's As Simple As This" --- Having given the Recreation Commission a budget of \$1½ million for the fiscal year, more than 800,000 San Franciscans look to this department for satisfying, enjoyable recreation services on properly operated supervised and maintained playgrounds and centers. The wide variety of recreation offered to each and every member of San Francisco's family is outlined in detail on the following pages.

You be the judge of our stewardship.

"It's As Simple As This" --- Having given the Recreation Commission a Bond Fund of \$12 million in November, 1947, the same 800,000 or more San Franciscans look to this department to provide these recreation improvements planned and promised to be completed within five years. We report real progress in the Bond Improvement program, progress not yet evident in many actually completed improvements, but progress in land acquisition, plans completed, contracts awarded, and construction under way.

Land has been purchased for eleven new playgrounds; two projects are fully completed, three are presently under construction, and eighteen more will be underway or finished by June of 1950, the half-way mark in the five-year plan of improvements.

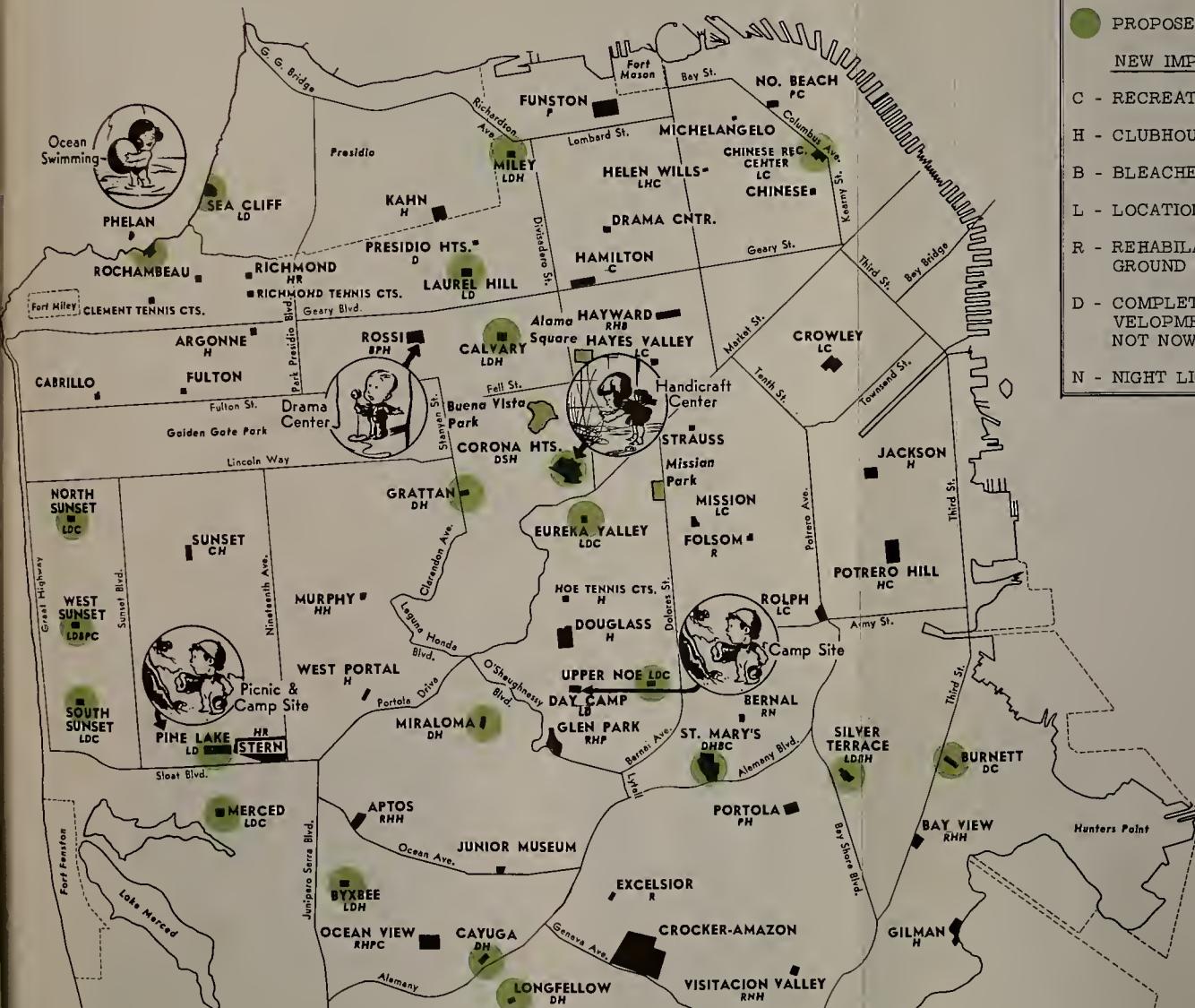
The work accomplished to date in the conscientious spending of the Bond Fund monies is illustrated in detail on the following two pages of charts.

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\$12,000,000 for RECREATION

Expansion and Improvement of San Francisco's Playground Services through Bond Funds



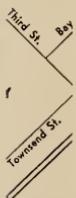
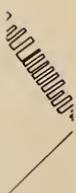
KEY

- EXISTING PLAYGROUNDS
- PROPOSED PLAYGROUNDS
- NEW IMPROVEMENTS
- C - RECREATION CENTER
- H - CLUBHOUSE
- B - BLEACHERS
- L - LOCATION TO BE BOUGHT
- R - REHABILITATION OF PLAYGROUND NOW OPERATING
- D - COMPLETELY NEW DEVELOPMENT AT LOCATION NOT NOW OPERATING.
- N - NIGHT LIGHTING

LOCATION OF PLAYGROUNDS

- NORTH BEACH - Lombard and Mason
 - FUNSTON - Chestnut and Webster
 - CHINESE - Near Pacific, Kearny, Powell*
 - MICHELANGELO - Greenwich near Jones
 - HELEN WILLS - Broadway and Larkin
 - MLEY - Greenwich and Baker*
 - PRESIDIO HTS. - Clay and Walnut
 - LAUREL HILL - Collins St. and Euclid Ave.
 - HAMILTON - Geary and Scott
 - JULIUS KAHN - In Presidio, near Spruce
 - SEA CLIFF - Beach and 25th Ave.*
 - JAMES D. PHelan - Beach and Sea Cliff Ave.
 - ROCHAMBEAU - 24th Ave. near California
 - RICHMOND - 18th Ave. near Lake
 - RICHMOND TENNIS CTS. - 18th Ave. near Clement
 - CLEMENT TENNIS CTS. - 30th Ave. near Clement
 - CABRILLO - 38th Ave. near Cabrillo
 - FULTON - 27th Ave. and Fulton
 - ARGONNE - 18th Ave. near Geary
 - ANGELO J. ROSSI - Arguello Blvd. and Edward St.
 - CALVARY - Turk and Masonic
 - MARGARET S. HAYWARD - Golden Gate and Laguna
 - HAYES VALLEY - Hayes and Buchanan
 - FATHER CROWLEY - 7th and Harrison Sts.
 - JACKSON - 17th and Carolina Sts.
 - POTRERO HILL - 22nd and Arkansas Sts.
 - FOLSOM - 21st and Folsom Sts.
 - LEVI STRAUSS - 14th and Valencia Sts.
 - MISSION - 19th and Angelica Sts.
 - JAMES ROLPH JR. - Potrero and Army
 - EUREKA VALLEY - 19th St. and Collingwood
 - NO TENNIS CTS. - 24th and Douglass
 - DOUGLASS - 26th and Douglass
 - UPPER NOE - 30th St. and Church
 - DAY CAMP - O'Shaughnessy Blvd. and 28th St.
 - GLEN PARK - Cheshire and Elk
 - CORONA HTS. - Roosevelt Way and State
 - GRATTAN - Stanyan and Rivoli
 - JOHN P. MURPHY - 9th Ave. near Ortega
 - WEST PORTAL - Ulloa and Lenox Way
 - SUNSET - 28th Ave. and Lawton
 - PINE LAKE - Crest Lake Drive and Wawona
 - SIGMUND STERN GROVE - 19th Ave. and Sloat Blvd.
 - WEST SUNSET - Pacheco and 37th Ave.
 - NORTH SUNSET - Undetermined
 - SOUTH SUNSET - Undetermined
 - MERCED - Nr. Eucalyptus Dr. and 28th Ave.
 - MIRALOMA - Omar Way and Rockdale Dr.
 - JUNIOR MUSEUM - 600 Ocean Ave.
 - APTOS - Aptos and Ocean Aves.
 - BYXBEE - Byxbbee and Shields*
 - OCEAN VIEW - Plymouth Ave. and Lobos St.
 - CAYUGA - Cayuga and Naglee
 - LONGFELLOW - Lowell and Morse
 - EXCELSIOR - Russia and Madrid Sts.
 - CROCKER-AMAZON - Geneva Ave. and Moscow
 - VISITACION VALLEY - Cora and Leland Sts.
 - PORTOLA - Fulton and Holyoke
 - BERNAL - Moultrie and Jarboe Sts.
 - ST. MARY'S - Crescent and Agnon Sts.
 - SILVER TERRACE - Silver Ave. near Bayshore
 - BAY VIEW - 3rd and Armstrong Sts.
 - BURNETT - Oakdale and Menard
 - GILMAN - Gilman and Griffith
- *Location not definite.

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1947 BOND FUND

RECREATION AREAS AND CENTERS

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OPERATING PLAYGROUND - TO BE IMPROVED
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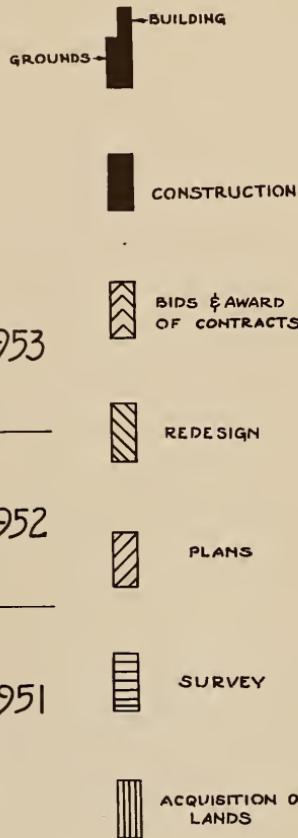
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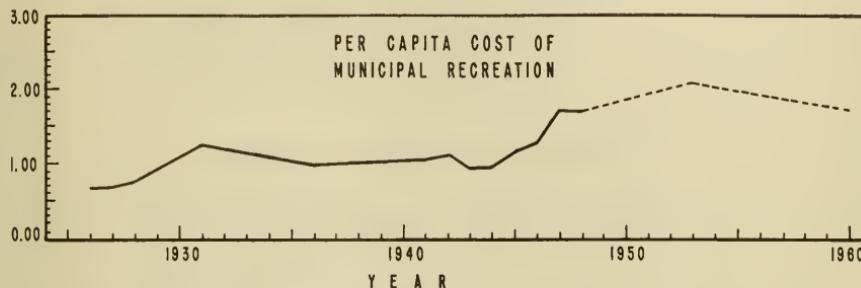


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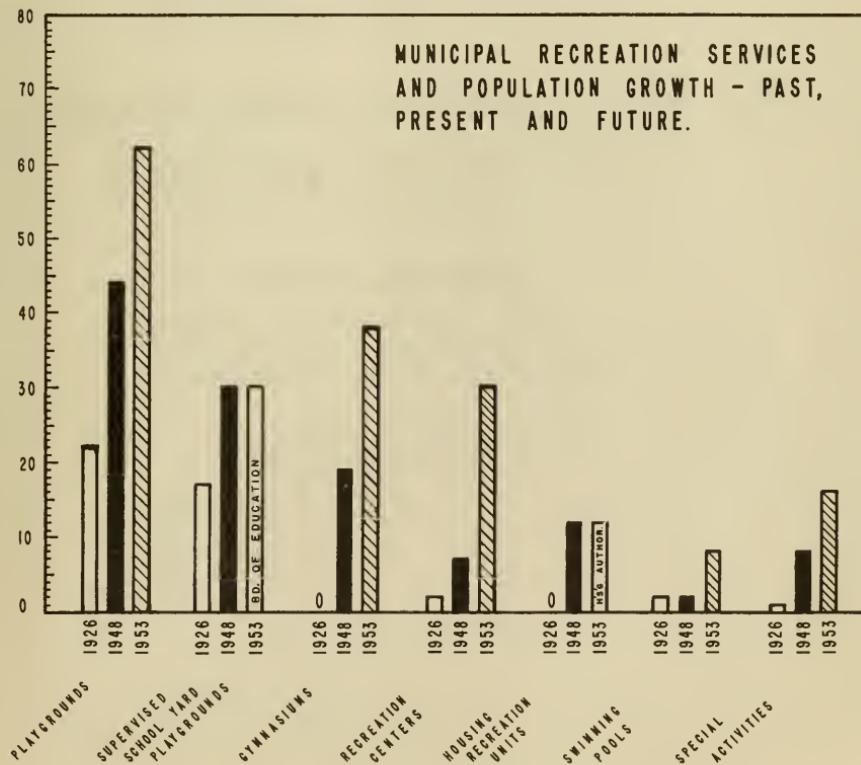
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TWENTY YEARS OF RECREATION AND A FIVE YEAR PLAN

DOLLARS



NUMBER OF UNITS



RECREATION UNITS
PROPOSED WORK PROGRAM FOR YEAR 1948-1949

During the year 1948-1949 the Recreation Department will operate 150 recreation units as follows:

PLAYGROUNDS AND CENTERS (67)

- 44 Regular Playgrounds and Centers
- 12 Housing Recreation Centers
- 5 Full-time Teen-Age Centers
- 5 Part-time Teen-Age Centers

SPECIAL ACTIVITY CENTERS (7)

- 2 Swimming Pools
- Children's Workshop (Junior Museum)
- Photography Center
- Camp Mather
- Day Camp
- Sigmund Stern Grove

SCHOOL UNITS SUPERVISED BY RECREATION DEPARTMENT (70)

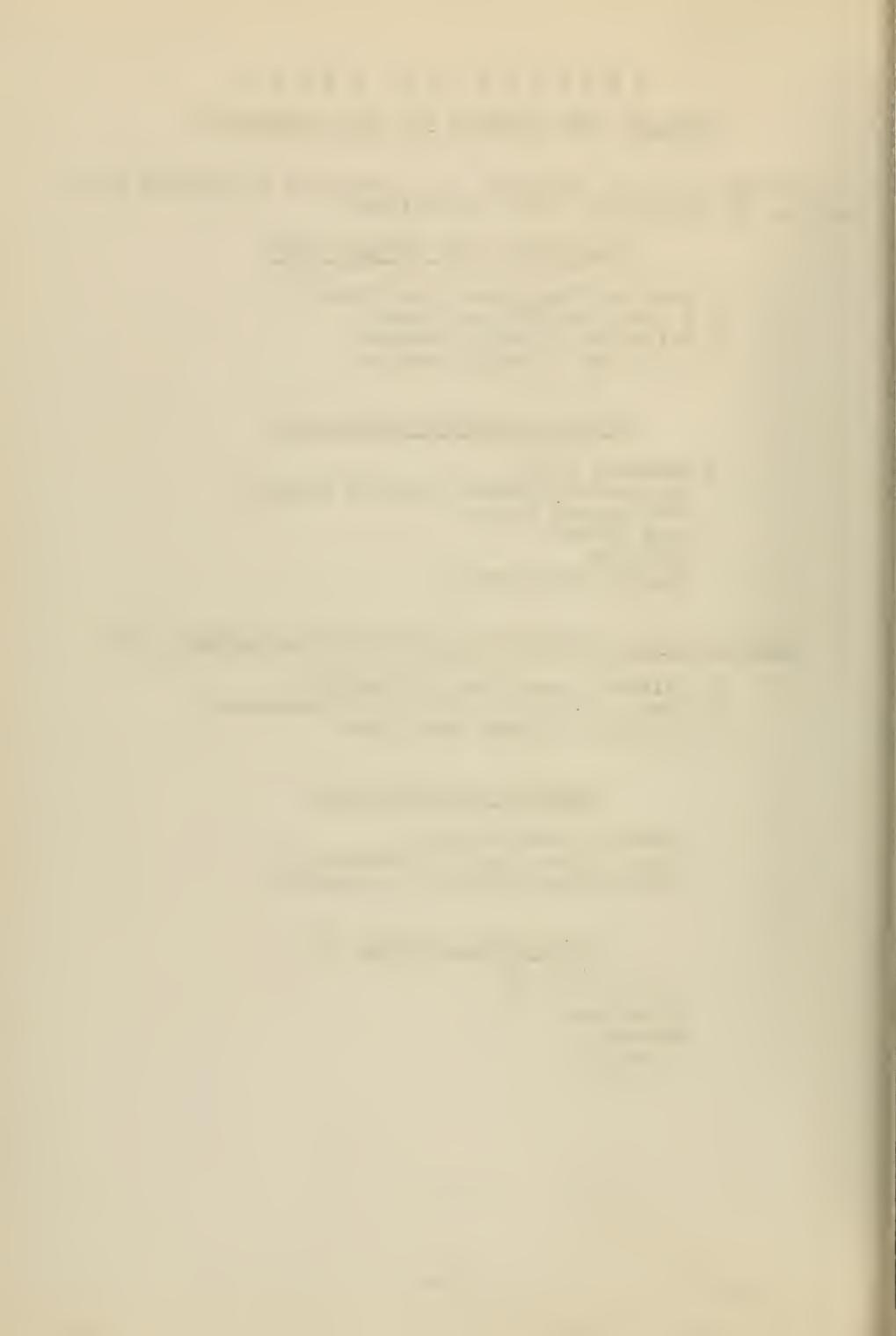
- 31 All-Year Schoolyard Playgrounds
- 22 Summer Vacation Schoolyard Playgrounds
- 17 All-Year Evening Gymnasiums

ACTIVITY DIVISIONS (3)

- Athletic Headquarters
- Music, Drama, Dance Headquarters
- Supervising Director Headquarters

MAINTENANCE DIVISION (4)

- Carpenter Shop
- Paint Shop
- Nursery
- Warehouse



P E R S O N N E L1948 - 1949

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF	24
SUPERVISORS OF ACTIVITIES	5
SUPERVISING DIRECTORS	15
FULL-TIME PLAYGROUND DIRECTORS	64
PART-TIME PERMANENT PLAYGROUND DIRECTORS	25
SCHOOLYARD, SUNDAY and SUBSTITUTE DIRECTORS	208
SWIMMING POOLS	4
PIANISTS	6
CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE and SUPERVISORY	1
GARDENERS	60
FOREMEN	5
CARPENTERS and PAINTERS	6
CHAUFFEURS	3
JANITORS	13
POWER OPERATORS	2
LABORERS	8
NURSERYMAN	1
SEASONAL CAMP PERSONNEL	39
PERMANENT "	4
CURATOR	1
ENGINEERS	2
DRAFTSMEN, CIVIL	2
LOCKER ROOM BOYS	5
LAUNDRESS	1
SEAMSTRESS	1
TOTAL	505

During the winter and spring months, a Job Relations Training Course was conducted for all supervisory personnel of the department. These valuable sessions, under the direction of Dick Whitfield of the Adult Education Department, San Francisco Public Schools, resulted in a better understanding of supervisory responsibilities, and the techniques of creating and maintaining harmonious job relations.

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

SAN FRANCISCO 2, CALIFORNIA

284 CITY HALL

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Indoor Play Day Relays.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES—1948

Because of the large scope of recreational activities offered teen-age and adults, occasionally the erroneous impression is formed that children in their early years are neglected to some extent.

This, however, is not the case, as the first consideration of the playground director is the orientation of the small child in playground activities. Thereafter the director never overlooks opportunities to interest the child and to create in him a desire to become an active participant in the group.

For small children, twelve years old and under, the playground offers a program with a wide range of interest.

Playground facilities, of course, include sand boxes which are kept carefully screened of all foreign matter. These are put to good use by small youngsters whose mothers are usually seated on benches close by.

As the child grows older, he finds the swings, slides, teeter boards and traveling apparatus a great attraction. In a comparatively short time he learns to climb the bars and swing from the rings.

At this stage of his development he begins to take an interest in group activities, from which he learns the all-important lesson of life—good sportsmanship and how to get along with others.

Small children take readily to finger painting, clay modelling and paper work, and other simple crafts such as the making of pyro-cord chains and bracelets. Later they become adept at making more finished articles.

Folk dancing, singing, a rhythm band, making puppets and presenting puppet plays, storytelling and story plays, and singing games form a large part of the playground program for juniors.

Play in these activities leads to later participation in the sports program. It is sometimes amazing



A popular playground pastime.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES—1948

(From Page 1)

how children of a very tender age become adept at table tennis or tennis, volleyball, basketball, softball and baseball. Of course, every playground boy acquires skill in marbles and in track and field. Having learned how to play at their home grounds, those who wish may later enter seasonal city-wide competition in the sports program.

In addition to the usual playground program, various special events are offered during the year in which all playgrounds are welcome to participate. For the small fry these affairs are highlights of the year. In most instances, such occasions have the added attraction of being conducted away from the home grounds.

Below is a résumé of these featured annual events as conducted during 1948. This does not, of course, include sports events which were covered in Bulletin #5.

PLAY DAY RELAYS

Seven hundred and fifty youngsters, aged eight to eleven, participated in Annual Indoor Play Day Relays held February 28 at James Lick, Roosevelt, Hayes Valley, and Hunters Point Gymnasiums.

At each of these four units, ribbon awards were presented to the two boys' teams and the two girls' teams which scored the most points in the twelve features. Events included single race, hoop, sitting hoop, rescue, attention, jump rope, ends-under, under-or-over, forward and backward, weaver, circle pass, and circle-sit relays.

DOLL SHOW

Every year thousands of children enter dolls at shows held at playgrounds throughout the city. On display for several days, this exhibit affords much pleasure to the youngsters. Playground doll shows are always the occasion for a special program or party. At Raphael Weill two boys sang their own version of "Paper Doll", and all of the children sang Mother Goose Nursery rhymes together.

The dolls chosen as winners are then entered in the city-wide exhibition once a year in the City Hall, held in 1948 on April 17.

In awarding the children's prizes in 12 classes, recognition was given to the various characteristics of the dolls such as dress, age, beauty, uniqueness, nationality, size, and other factors.

KITE CONTEST

The annual kite contest held at Angelo J. Rossi Playground on April 3 featured four events with senior and junior classes for boys and girls. Kites were judged for their novelty and beauty of design. Twelve out of sixteen places were won by children of Chinese Playground. Winners and runners-up were awarded standard playground medals.

REDEDICATION WEEK

Rededication Week (beginning March 14, 1948) during which the Freedom Train arrived in San Francisco, was observed at all playgrounds and centers with simple dedication programs in which the children reaffirmed the Freedom Pledge at a flag raising ceremony. Many of the centers featured special patriotic plays and songs. Presidio Heights Playground gave a marionette show "Let Freedom Ring". The marionettes, gift of Mrs. Helen McCarthy, were authentically dressed in colonial style. The strings were unusually easy to manipulate.

JOSEPH LEE WEEK

In memory of Joseph Lee, who initiated the playground movement in America, the week beginning July 25, 1948, was devoted to special recreational programs with trees and play areas being dedicated to him.

San Franciscans were invited to Open House at their neighborhood playgrounds and centers.

A Central Play Day at North Beach Playground July 29 attracted hundreds of children from all parts of the city to the singing and circle games. Later a swim in Crystal Plunge was enjoyed.

Mission Pool presented an aquacade and water ballet, and gave a life saving demonstration on July 30, while Crystal Plunge featured sprint and novelty races.

A Story Program for children at Stern Grove on July 26 was another highlight of Joseph Lee Week.

SILVER TREE DAY CAMP

As another vacation attraction, each playground was assigned a week at Silver Tree Day Camp in the wooded section of Glen Park. At camp children aged 7 to 12 years from 75 playgrounds carried wood, watched campfires, kept their tents and surrounding area orderly, hollowed out reeds gathered from the hills to hold bandanas in place, made chains, belts and bracelets, did color design work, listened to records and danced to them, sang songs together, played kickball, and when the time came they willingly rested on cots.

Children also went hiking and learned something of the surrounding terrain. One of these hikes was to the Junior Museum where they spent several hours viewing many interesting exhibits and little live animals. On Thursdays guests were invited to an evening camp fire talent program which the campers had prepared during the week.

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JUNIOR COMPETITIVE CALENDAR

As announced in the 1949 Municipal Federation Competitive Activities Calendar, boys and girls will soon have a chance to engage in a wide variety of city-wide athletic competition.

In addition to teams from Recreation Department units, private agencies which have participated in the past and will continue to do so, are the Boy Scouts, C.Y.O., San Francisco Boys' Club, Columbia Park Boys, and various other Community Chest and church groups.

Included are also such events as a marbles tournament, kite contest, and doll show. Date of special event or beginning of tournaments are tentatively set as follows:

Tennis Tournament (Boys & Girls)	March 26
Relays Play Day (Boys & Girls under 12) . . .	Feb. 26
Girls' Basketball Pentathlon	March 5
Marbles	March 26
Girls' Basketball Play Day	March 19 (14-15 years of age)
Girls' Basketball Play Night	March 31 (16-18 years of age)
Kite Contest	April 2
Doll Show	April 9
Boys' Softball League	April 16
Girls' Softball League	April 16
Track & Field	May 14
Mixed Volleyball	June 4
Summer Baseball	June 25
Mixed Kickball Play Day (8-11 years)	Sept. 17
Football Feature Contest	Sept. 24
Six Man Touch Tackle League	Sept. 24
Girls' Netball & Vollyball Play Day	Oct. 8
Girls' Volleyball League	Oct. 22
Table Tennis Tournament	Nov. 19 (Boys and Girls)
Boys' Basketball Pentathlon	Jan. 7, 1950
Boys' Basketball Tournament	Jan. 14, 1950

Below, Eleanor Mackie and Robert Jones model the new maroon jackets now worn by directors.



SIGMUND STERN GROVE—1948

Sigmund Stern Grove at 19th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard, with its beautiful rustic background of wooded eucalyptus hills, was the scene of many children's gatherings.

The most delightful of these was the annual Carnival given by playground children and center groups. With the stage in a Carnival setting and the children in gay folk costumes and circus outfits, the program of music, singing, dancing and specialty numbers was something never to be forgotten by children and audience alike.

The Golden Gate Story League's picnic for children in the Grove on July 26 featured a story-telling program to delight the heart of any child.

With an audience of 660 children, 75 youngsters, representing 12 playgrounds, competed in a Story-book Play Day at the Grove August 25.

Many district summer picnics were held at the Grove and children made good use of the outdoor grills and picnic tables, and the meadow area.

SUMMER VACATION OUTINGS

During school vacation special events were planned weekly for participation by all playgrounds. The city was divided into 9 districts and the playgrounds took part in the schedule as planned for their respective districts. On the program in 1948 were picnics and hikes to Golden Gate Park, Fleishhacker Zoo, Fisherman's Wharf, the Junior Museum, Coit Tower, Aquatic Park, Flood Park, Mills Field, Lake Anza, Gilman Beach, and Mount Davidson. Also there were swimming, ice skating, and theatre parties, wiener roasts, treasure hunts, carnivals, amateur shows, field and play days, a baseball day at Seals Stadium, a story play picnic, and visits to other playgrounds.

PLAYGROUND PROGRAMS

In November a program to carry out the ideals of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, Cultural Organization was started at Cabrillo Playground. The songs, dances, games, and crafts of Norway were taught to the children for several months in preparation for a Norwegian Festival. After the program Cabrillo youngsters will learn something of the customs of Italy, and the Norwegian program will be given at another playground.

A performance for Family Community Night at Raphael Weill on February 26 was given before an audience of 425 people. On the program were a toy symphony, the story play, "Little Red Riding Hood", folk dances and community singing.

A grand march led by the king and queen with everyone in costume started off a May Day Festival at Glen Park. The May Pole Dance and other dances were featured. Pictures were taken of the group, after which a picnic lunch was served.

While these are but a few of the programs given during 1948, they will serve to illustrate the type of special playground program.

PARTIES HIGHLIGHT THE MONTHS

The Valentine party at Glen Park was a typical playground event. The youngsters gave a one-act play and did vocal and piano solos and two tap dances. Games were then played for prizes. After distributing Valentines, children enjoyed ice cream, cake, cokes and candy.

PLAYGROUND PARTIES—1948 (From Page 3)

Halloween is perhaps the most exciting of all party themes. Costume parades, fortune telling, games, singing, dancing, talent shows and stunts—all were on the program. A particularly outstanding Halloween party was held at Ocean View where 800 children took part and many spectators came to watch the fun. Mothers of the children and members of the PTA assisted in handling this big event.

December is truly the greatest party month on the calendar. Children were busy weeks ahead decorating clubrooms and making gifts, as well as ornaments, for the Christmas tree. Programs included plays, talent shows, caroling, dancing and singing, exchanging of gifts, and a visit by Santa who distributed candy and favors.

OTHER EVENTS

Several bazaars were held during the year at Richmond Playground where boys and girls painted wall plaques and figurines to be sold at 15¢ each. Proceeds were used to purchase refreshments and candy for special parties.

All manner of contests were held at Bernal's June 4 Carnival from guessing the number of beans in a jar to tossing hoops and darts, hammering nails, playing Bingo, and shooting baskets. Doughnuts, candied apples and soft drinks were sold. The Housing Centers also held a very successful Carnival at Hunters Point-Gym on June 30.

Field and Play Days featuring sports, as listed in Athletic Review of last week, were other special events rounding out a full program for the year 1948.

Drama, Music and Dance Activities will be featured in a special review in a later issue.

JUNIOR MUSEUM

The Junior Museum at 600 Ocean Avenue is a place to delight the heart of any child who has an interest in nature lore.

In March the collection of rocks and minerals had grown to over 2000 specimens. Delightful and informative outings of the Rockminors supplied additional specimens and also augmented the wild flower and butterfly collection. During the winter months, discussions on geology and other related subjects, cutting and polishing of stones and testing of minerals, occupied this group.

The Science Room built an excellent miniature of a Hopi Indian Village, after nine-year-old Pierre Cantow had painted a picture to serve as a model.

Live specimens including Sniffer, the opossum; King, the snake, and the pink eyed white rats, afforded dozens of children the opportunity to observe and the fun of handling these creatures of wild life.

Handicraft here is popular the year round and includes aeroplane modelling, woodcraft, finger painting and paper work, puppetry, and creating of Christmas gifts. The Gardening Club which concentrated on the making of trellises, flower boxes, vases and miniature gardens in the spring, turned to the making of block printed and stenciled towels and cloths, cookie containers, Christmas decorations,

and tray favors for the Junior Red Cross. Summertime found them busily raising vegetables and flowers in their garden plots. During vacations children brought their lunches and enjoyed picnics almost daily.

The Junior Museum boasts possession of a real printing press on which they turn out two publications. The first, "The Junior Naturalist", contains articles which the children write on the subject of nature. The second, "The Third Dimension", contains news of the Pterodactyl Model Airplane Club, and contest rules and stories of the winners.

In the spring, towline and hand-launched glider contests for junior and senior boys were held by the Pterodactyls. Jack Ritner established a national junior division record of 2 minutes, 42.2 seconds for Class B hand-launched gliders. In the Class E towline gliders another national record was established when Larry Giordanengo kept his model aloft for 1 minute, 49.2 seconds.

In the annual contest in September for Class C and D Towline Gliders and Rubber Powered Cabin Models, Jack won first place with 311 points and Larry second place with 268 points. Darrell Larks was third with 263 points.

Hand-launched glider contest for boys 11 years of age or younger was held October 23 with Darrell Larks winner in the junior division. Best time for the day was 23 seconds turned in by Darrell. Dick Schuler, aged 10, was the winner in the Micro Division with 15 points. Tommy Dillard, aged 7, and Albert Pohlpetter, aged 11, tied for second place with 14.2 points. Third place was won by Andrew Bell, aged 8, with 12.4 points. There was another tie score for fourth place at 11.4 points between Bill Cuneo and John Schneider, both 11 years old. Fifth place with 11.2 points went to Richard Hall.

Other contests were for Class A Hand-launched Model Planes in two age divisions in November, and all Class A model planes in three divisions during the Christmas vacation.

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YEARLY ATTENDANCE

FISCAL YEAR 1948-1949

Playgrounds

<u>Name of Ground</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Name of Ground</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>
APOTOS	150,420	LEVI STRAUSS	23,452
ARGONNE	46,967	MICHELANGELO	31,559
BAY VIEW	62,937	MISSION	144,091
BERNAL	89,576	JOHN P. MURPHY	22,890
CABRILLO	37,137	NOE VALLEY COURTS	22,919
CABRILLO TEEN-AGE CTR.	3,815	NORTH BEACH	258,374
CHINESE	93,358	NORTH BEACH ANNEX	2,210
CLEMENT TENNIS COURTS	8,596	OCEAN VIEW	91,597
CORONA HEIGHTS	23,077	PORTOLA	143,739
CROCKER-AMAZON	63,892	POTRERO HILL	64,442
FATHER CROWLEY	204,682	PRESIDIO HEIGHTS	23,621
DOUGLASS	50,661	RICHMOND	42,651
EXCELSIOR	76,300	RICHMOND TENNIS COURTS	13,137
FOLSOM	50,063	ROCHAMBEAU	72,893
FULTON	54,786	ROCHAMBEAU TEEN-AGE CTR.	2,026
FULTON TEEN-AGE CTR.	5,206	JAMES ROLPH	191,625
FUNSTON	395,902	ROSSI	100,612
GILMAN	39,403	ST. MARY'S	22,477
GLEN PARK	112,790	SIGMUND STERN GROVE	105,645
HAMILTON	86,377	SIGMUND STERN ANNEX	21,452
HAYES VALLEY CENTER	38,912	SUNNYDALE	52,240
HAYES VALLEY COTTAGE	9,823	SUNSET	51,826
M.S.HAYWARD (BOYS')	96,025	VALENCIA GARDENS	40,081
M.S.HAYWARD (GIRLS')	64,214	VISITACION VALLEY	82,146
JACKSON	55,193	WEST PORTAL	21,775
JULIUS KAHN	63,361	WESTSIDE COURTS	55,292
		HELEN WILLS	123,247

Teen-Age Centers

<u>Name of Center</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Name of Center</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>
BAY VIEW	23,037	FIRESIDE LODGE	682
HAMILTON	41,318	HAYES VALLEY	29,139
NORTH BEACH	29,776	OCEAN VIEW	15,588

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YEARLY ATTENDANCE (continued)

Hunters Point Units

<u>Name of Unit</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Name of Unit</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>
CAN 'LESTICK	95,580	HUNTERS POINT GYM	58,313
CAROLINA ANNEX	2,639	MIDDLE POINT	49,088
CAROLINA COURTS	30,769	RIDGE POINT SCH.YD.#1	11,947
CHANNEL	54,812	" " " "#2	3,354
DOUBLE ROCK	94,399	" " " "#3	15,731
GUAM	20,786	POTRERO TERRACE	1,520

Schoolyards (Regular)

<u>Name of Schoolyard</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Name of Schoolyard</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>
ARGONNE	20,338	FRANCIS SCOTT KEY	21,656
BRYANT	12,825	LA FAYETTE	17,617
BURNETT	17,572	LAGUNA HONDA	23,536
JAS. DENMAN	16,141	LAKE MERCED	19,021
DOUGLASS	20,583	JAMES LICK	21,759
EDISON	44,362	HORACE MANN	13,807
EVERETT	20,892	JOHN MUIR	17,654
FAIRMOUNT	17,705	PACIFIC HEIGHTS	15,058
FARRAGUT	16,058	JEAN PARKER	19,252
FREMONT	18,247	REDDING AUDITORIUM	8,909
GOLDEN GATE	18,122	REDDING	16,710
GRANT	10,912	WINFIELD SCOTT	20,940
GRATTAN	14,425	COMMODORE STOCKTON	28,616
ANDREW JACKSON	11,225	SUNNYSIDE	16,744
JEFFERSON	19,065	ULLOA	18,560
KATE KENNEDY	12,556	RAPHAEL WEILL	12,901

Summer Schoolyards

ALAMO	5,008	GARFIELD	1,056
GUADALUPE	4,074	LINCOLN	3,017
MADISON	2,511	McCOPPIN	3,033
MIRALOMA	3,953	MONROE	4,521
PARKSIDE	2,132	PEABODY	2,468
		SHERMAN	4,400

Gymnasiums

APTOPS	17,771	BALBOA	22,749
JAS. DENMAN	12,102	EVERETT GYM (BOYS')	9,322
FRANCISCO	10,060	EVERETT GYM (GIRLS')	12,946
GALILEO	13,838	JAS. LICK	15,816
LOWELL	10,958	HORACE MANN (BOYS')(NEW)	8,045
POLYTECHNIC	15,438	HORACE MANN (GIRLS')(OLD)	5,041
PRESIDIO	9,065	ROOSEVELT	12,945
GEORGE WASHINGTON	2,057		

YEARLY ATTENDANCE (continued)Swimming Pools

<u>Name of Unit</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Name of Unit</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>
CRYSTAL	87,041	MISSION	21,102

Special Activities

CARNIVAL	12,735	SILVER TREE DAY CAMP	9,512
CRYSTAL CLUBROOM	7,044	GARDEN CLUB	15,214
STERN GROVE CONCERTS	154,826	JUNIOR MUSEUM	35,742
		PHOTOGRAPHY	17,195

Special Activities
Conducted Outside Recreation Units

DANCE	7,036	DRAMA	18,518
MUSIC	14,307	BOYS' & MEN'S ATHLETICS	35,893
		GIRLS' & WOMEN'S ATHLETICS	11,449

Camp Mather

Total attendance - - - 18,454

R E C A P I T U L A T I O N

Playgrounds	3,811,492
Teen-age Centers.	139,540
Hunters Point Units	438,938
Schoolyards (regular)	583,768
Schoolyards (summer).	36,173
Gymnasiums.	178,153
Swimming Pools.	108,143
Special Activities.	252,268
Special Activities-Outside	
Recreation Units.	87,203
Camp Mather	<u>18,454</u>

GRAND TOTAL . . . 5,654,132

BOYS' AND MEN'S ATHLETICS

Outlined below is a statistical report of the various activities conducted by the Athletic Division and citing the number of teams and the number of participants engaged in each sport.

Generally speaking, from a standpoint of numbers, the figures shown in this report may not appear impressive when the number of teams on an overall program for all ages shows only a grand total of 1,198 and participants registered a total of only 21,503. At face value, these figures are not impressive, but it must be remembered that these teams and participants engage in organized schedules of play over a period of several months' time, with all engaging in scheduled play at least once per week.

Therefore, if these teams and participants were multiplied by the figure 6, which is the normal schedule employed in the Athletic Division, one gets a total figure for a period of this duration, namely six times greater participation.

You will note from the figures presented that there has been an increased participation in all activities in the past year, as compared with those submitted in 1948. This is indicative, we feel, of the times, and indicates clearly the scarcity of money for commercial recreation purposes, and the return of a great many adults to public recreation.

<u>JUNIOR ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF TEAMS</u>	<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>
Football Feature	--	350
Football (Touch Tackle)	75	720
Table Tennis (Boys & Girls)	--	475
Basketball	106	1,572
Basketball Pentathlon	--	750
Marbles	--	347
Kite Contest (Boys & Girls)	--	35
Tennis (Boys & Girls)	--	285
Softball	100	1,500
Track & Field	--	500
Baseball	160	2,500
<u>TOTALS-</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>9,034</u>

BOYS' AND MEN'S ATHLETICS

(continued)

<u>INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF TEAMS</u>	<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>
Fall Golf (Men & Women)	--	295
Spring Golf (Men & Women)	--	265
Fall Tennis (Men & Women)	--	112
Spring Tennis (Men & Women)	--	173
Basketball	43	660
Bowling	42	420
Baseball	8	120
Softball	34	544
Vacation Tour	--	76
Spring Table Tennis (Men & Women)	--	62
Fall Table Tennis (Men & Women)	--	88
TOTALS-	127	2,679

<u>OPEN DIVISION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF TEAMS</u>	<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>
Baseball	160	2,500
Minor League Softball	100	1,500
Major League Softball	250	3,750
City-wide Basketball	120	2,040
TOTALS-	630	9,790

GRAND TOTALS- 1,198 21,503

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(Top picture) watching the track meet, and
(below) the football feature contest.

RESUME OF ATHLETICS—1948

Activities galore filled the sports program for 1948. Every kind of event as offered by the Recreation Department held the interests of man, woman or child either as a player or as a spectator.

For working and business groups, the Industrial Division Athletic Committee set up and conducted a sports calendar for its member firms, while the Municipal Federation took charge of children and teen-age sporting activities. Other adult groups also participated in their own leagues.

Among the competitive events offering opportunity for group participation were basketball, volleyball, softball and baseball. Individual sports were tennis, table tennis, and boxing. Small children competed in a track and field meet, touch tackle and football feature contests, marbles, and mixed kickball. Bowling and golf also interested adults. At the conclusion of tournaments, trophies and medals were awarded the winners.

A brief review of the sports in 1948 follows:

SOFTBALL

Softball tournaments attracted hundreds of enthusiastic San Francisco participants. The contest began in March when the Acacia League opened its season. The last to play was the City Employees' Tournament which ran into January 1949.

Many teams entered more than one tournament, among which were the Men's Industrial Division League, Minor, City Employees' City-wide, Municipal Federation Girls, Municipal Federation Boys, Recreation Women's, Tri-County, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

During the year participants from the many City Departments held two softball tournaments. The Park Department won the first tournament, which began on May 19, when they defeated the Recreation Department. A second tournament is now on with the same group leading. Holding games on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8:30 P.M. at Rolph and Hayward diamonds was the second league. Entered in competition were Municipal Garage, Park Department, Juvenile Court, Elkton Shops, Geary Barn, Bus Operators, and Controller's.

June 21 marked the first day of the Women's Recreation Softball competition. Sherry's took the crown after defeating Kraft Foods, Butler Brothers, Presidio WACS, Treasure Island WAVES, Letterman WACS and Double Play Dandies.

In the Municipal Federation Leagues, boys' division titles were won by Rolph, Portola and Glen Park in Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions respectively. The Girls' Senior Division was earned by Portola; and the Junior team title by Rolph.

SOFTBALL—1948 (From Page 1)

More than 115 squads entered the City-wide Softball Tournament, which commenced June 21. Playfields at many grounds were in use Mondays through Fridays.

Prior to entering the City-wide competition, the Industrial and Minor Leagues held their own contests in A, B, C and D classes. Both tournaments began on April 19 with team trophies and medals being awarded to winners and runners-up. Winners in the Eighth Annual Industrial group were Safeway, Post Office, Metropolitan Insurance, and Zellerbach. Minor division crowns went to Ayoob's Sport Shop, Marty's, the Geary, Galland Linen Company, McKeon Post, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

TOUCH TACKLE FOOTBALL

Future prep, college and professional pigskin talent was seen performing in the Six-man Touch Tackle League which concluded on November 20. Boasting three squads who entered final contests was Chinese Playground which took the 110 pound title, and were runners-up in 100 and 120 pound groups. Winners in the other five divisions were: 90#, Candlestick Cove; 100#, Rolph; 120#, Rolph; 130#, Glen Park.

To test the accuracy and skill of players, on September 18 at Rolph Playground a football feature contest featuring four events in accuracy and skill of their kicks and passes attracted forty-nine boys from more than 25 playgrounds and clubs.

BASEBALL

Long America's favorite sporting activity, a record number of teams entered Winter, Summer, Industrial, Funston Night and Municipal Federation Baseball Leagues.

These leagues offered three divisions, A, B, and C, depending upon the ability of players. The Summer League opened its season on June 26 at various playground diamonds. Fellows under eighteen years were eligible to compete.

Elimination rounds in Funston Night League started on July 6 with games scheduled every evening. Funston's newly resurfaced diamonds with an up-to-date floodlight system were put to good use for evening games. Many spectators from the neighborhood turned out to see the contests.

By outclassing Bank of America, San Francisco's Fire Department won the Industrial League title in the Shaughnessy playoffs July 16 at Funston. Undefeated leader of the regular round robin series, Moffatt-Manteca, was eliminated in the first playoffs by the eventual winner of the division. Other squads who entered teams were Simmons, American Can, Post Office, Pacific Service Employees Association of the P. G. & E., and National Lead.

BASKETBALL

Men, women, boys and girls, all participated in individual tournaments. Topping the list was the 17th Annual Unlimited Basketball Tournament, which attracted 1845 competitors. With representatives from Northern California Coaches and Officials Association officiating, the opening date was January 5. For championships, medals and trophies were presented to Chelini's Dugout, Class A; I.L.W.U. #6, Class B; Concordia-Argonaut, Class C; American Roof Maintenance, Class D.

The Housing Centers conducted their Inter-Center Basketball League at Hunters Point Gym with the home squad being first in the unlimited class; Double Rock, 130 pound; Westside Court, 110 pound.

Two divisions were formed to accommodate the huge entry list in the Women's Recreation Tournament. In the finals on April 14 the Catholic Youth Organization defeated the Coeds.

Two classes, A and B, featured Standard Oil Company, Federal Reserve Bank, Pacific Service Employees' Association, Metropolitan Insurance Company, and Fireman's Fund Insurance. Metro defeated Standard Oil for Class A championship on May 20, while Class B was won by the Federal Reserve over the Fireman's Fund squad. Popularity contest winner was Standard Oil Company which placed second in Class A competition.

Thirty-five squads entered the Men's Industrial Basketball League. Play in Class AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, and D started on September 22. Besides the athletic events, a popularity contest was held to attract spectators. Winners were Bank of America, Class AA; Pacific Telegraph & Telephone, Class A; Paramount Pictures, BB; Metro Life Insurance, B; Sterling Furniture, CC; W. P. Fuller, C; Anglo Bank, DD; and Royal Liverpool Insurance, D. Sterling Furniture also won the Popularity Contest trophy.

One thousand and five boys making up 102 teams participated in the Annual Municipal Federation Basketball Tournament which began the first of the year. Winners and runners-up were awarded medals in the following divisions: 80# Chinese, Excelsior; 90# Hayes Valley, Rossi; 100# Excelsior, Chinese; 110# Hayes Valley, S.F. Boys Club, Mission Branch; 120# Lafayette, Excelsior; 130# Chinese, Cabrillo; 145# Cabrillo, Glen Park.

A Basketball Pentathlon to test the skill of girl cagers was held March 6. With 210 girls from 25 units entered in midget, junior, intermediate and senior groups, girls from Chinese Playground captured eight out of twelve places.

Basketball Play Night for senior girls was held at Everett and Denman Gymnasiums April 1. Twelve teams participated. The championship was determined at Everett on April 8 with Chinese Playground the winner and Rolph, the runner-up.

Sixteen teams in the intermediate girls' division (10-14 years old) took part in the Basketball Play Day on April 3 at James Lick Gymnasium, with final play at Everett April 22. Rolph Playground was the champion with Portola second.

An event not under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Department which was held at Chinese Playground was the Junior Teen-age Basketball Tournament sponsored by the Wah Ying Club of Chinatown.

TABLE TENNIS

More than 75 men and women made up seven teams to enter singles, doubles and mixed doubles events in the Industrial Table Tennis Tournament held at Horace Mann Gymnasium on April 5, 6, 7.

With three championships and two runners-up, Hamilton Teen Center took the team plaque at the Fourth Annual Teen-age Center Table Tennis Tournament held at Hayes Valley May 20. Thirty-

TABLE TENNIS—1948 (From Page 2)

five players from North Beach, Ocean View, Fulton, Hayes Valley and Hamilton participated in the championship round.

In the Municipal Table Tennis Contests the four boys' titles were shared two each by Hayes Valley and Westside Court at the championship rounds conducted on December 4 at Hayes Valley Center. Entered in the midget, junior, intermediate and senior classes were more than 470 boys and girls from forty-two playgrounds and centers.

TENNIS

Courts at Richmond, Rossi and Clement Playgrounds were scenes of Men's and Women's Industrial Division Tennis matches which began on April 11 and concluded on May 16. Players from sixteen Industrial member firms took part in beginning, novice, and championship matches. Championships were taken by Isabel Chotes, Southern Pacific; Agnes Minahan, S. P.; Lois Czarniecki, Owens-Illinois Glass Company; F. Leanio, Post Office; F. Hellman, American President Lines; D. Gilmore, P.S.E.A.

Three classes in boys' and girls' Tennis Tournament were held from March 27 through April 3 with playground medals being awarded to the following winners: Class I, Larry Axtell, Julius Kahn; Samuel Lippman, Richmond; Sandra Horn, Richmond; Tamia Sokel, Excelsior; Class II, Dick Axtell, Julius Kahn; C. Farrell, Glen Park; Connie Valencia, Cabrillo; Virginia Ware, Julius Kahn; Class III, David Kwan, Chinese; D. Thompson, Glen Park; Elaine Klein, Rossi; B. Lum, Chinese. First place winners in each division engaged members of Peninsula net team, losing four to two. These tilts on May 8 were held at Crocker-Amazon and determined winners of the Northern California Novice Net Championships.

SWIMMING

Alternate swimming meet with six events for both boys and girls was held at Crystal Plunge April 10. Top aquatic honors went to Marion Olson, Crystal Plunge mermaid; and to Jim Lee, Lowell High School ace.

Separate meets for girls and boys were held on October 9 and 16. Girl swimmers met at Mission Pool on the 16th, and the earlier date brought boy natators to Crystal Plunge.

Jim Lee again topped the meet when he took two first-place medals and added a third-spot ribbon to his collection. Georgia Baldassari won the girls' city-wide playground championship; while Jean Grutzmacher won the 100 yard individual medley in the fast time of 1 minute, 17 seconds.

A record crowd of more than 12,000 boys and girls participated in the Red Cross "Learn to Swim" Campaign conducted from June 21 until August 27 at Crystal Plunge and Mission Pool.

VOLLEYBALL

A Mixed Volleyball Play Day for Senior and Intermediate boys and girls was held on May 22 at Mission Playground. Senior class winners included Fulton and Cabrillo in first and second places respectively. Bernal topped the Intermediate class with Lake Merced in runner-up position.

Climaxing San Francisco's "Building for Youth" week, April 24, the Annual Girls' Volleyball and



Earl Bernard Murray (center) conductor, S. F. Recreation Symphony Orchestra, and (left) Donald Remberg and Lloyd Gowen, members of the orchestra.

SYMPHONY NOTES

Donald Reinberg will appear as guest artist on the Young People's Concerts of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, January 29, in the Opera House. He will be the soloist in Haydn's Trumpet Concerto.

Mr. Murray, conductor of the Recreation Symphony, is now preparing the Orchestra for a concert to be given in Everett Junior High School Auditorium, 16th and Church Streets, on Wednesday, February 23.

The program, to be announced later, will include a Mozart Flute Concerto and a Telemann Concerto for four violins. There is no admission charge.

VOLLEYBALL—1948 (From Column 1)

Netball Play Day was held at Mission Playground. In the Senior Division Cabrillo won the title from Commodore Stockton squad. Corona Heights took championship honors in the Junior Division with Excelsior in number two spot.

Three divisions, A, B, C, were sent up for the Men's City-wide Volleyball League which began on May 10. Competition was held at many units.

Women Recreation League competitors met at Everett Gym for Class A and B crowns. The first division was won by the Red Devils when they defeated Glen Park, November 23. Earlier in the week, the "B" championship was taken by American Jugoslavs with the Meat Toppers taking second place.

BOWLING

A Mixed Handicap, Men and Women Leagues were offered in the Industrial Division. On October 19 participants in the Mixed League joined for a "get-together" picnic at Sigmund Stern Grove. First place winners in the league were Veterans' Administration #3, Class A; Butler Brothers, Class B; Pacific Hartford, Class C. Individual awards for high averages were also presented to winners.

The Annual Men's Bowling Tournament began on September 15, whereas the Women's Tournament started September 20. A double round robin series with a "bowl off" was scheduled in both divisions.

TRACK AND FIELD

Laguna Honda retained its two championships at

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSIONS

The first of a series of Great Books discussion groups will start February 1, according to A. Crawford Greene, Chairman of the S. F. Great Books Committee. Under the leadership of some 100 Bay Area residents who have been trained by representatives of the Great Books Foundation in the techniques of leading discussions, these groups will meet for two hours every two weeks throughout the year to discuss the great books of all time.

Sponsored by the Public Library, the Public School Department, the Recreation Commission, a committee of outstanding citizens and civic leaders, and assisted by a grant from the Rosenberg Foundation, the Great Books discussion groups will be held in the Branch Libraries, schools, neighborhood centers, and churches. There is no charge. Enrollment in each group is limited to forty adults. Everyone is welcome to sit in on the opening meeting.

Discussion groups are to be held in the following schools, churches and branch libraries as well as the Main Public Library. Other centers will be announced if registration warrants. Classes meet every two weeks. All Branch Library groups will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. The group in the Main Library will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.; groups in schools from 7:15 to 9:15 P.M.

January 19:

First Unitarian Church.....7:30-9:30 P.M.

February 1:

Roosevelt High School
Polytechnic High School
Mission Branch Library

February 2:

Marina Adult School
Washington High School
Balboa High School

February 3:

Aptos Jr. High School
Galileo High School
Bernal Heights Branch Library
First Unitarian Church, Berkeley 7:30-9:30 P.M.

February 7:

Noe Valley Branch Library

February 9:

Marina Adult School (Section 2)
Main Library, Civic Center
Mission High School
San Rafael Public Library.....7:30-9:30 P.M.

February 10:

Telegraph Hill Neighborhood...
Center7:30-9:30 P.M.
American President Lines,.....
Board of Director's Room....7:30-9:30 P.M.:
APL will accept application of others than
employees up to full quota of the group.

Groups in First Congregational Church and Park Presidio United Church to be announced. Class at City College to be announced. Burlingame and San Mateo residents may get information from their librarians.

People desiring to have books for the first meeting should call the Great Books Committee office in the Main Library or phone HEmlock 1-2121, Local 289, for information as to how they may be obtained.

TRACK AND FIELD—1948 (From Page 3)
the 27th Annual Track and Field Meet held May 17 on Jackson Playground. More than 350 boys from 30 playgrounds contested for honors. Team honors for the largest total points in schoolyard and relay competition were won by Laguna Honda Schoolyard.

BADMINTON

Badminton is played five nights a week the year round at Presidio and Aptos Gymnasiums. The Tenth Annual Inter-Gymnasium Badminton Tournament was held April 5. Presentation of awards was made to the following winners during an informal picnic supper on May 11 at Sigmund Stern Grove:

MIXED—Doubles, Sylvia Zukor and James Barron.

MEN—Class A, Dave Hallett; **Class B**, Harvey Glass; **Doubles, Class A**, Jack Paulsen and Dave Hallett; **Class B**, Harvey Glass and Ray Wither.

WOMEN—Singles, Sylvia Zukor; **Doubles**, Sylvia Zukor and Gladys Wenger.

GOLF

A Spring and a Fall Golf Tournament were sponsored by the Industrial Division. On May 1 and 2 golfers took over the Sonoma Golf Course at Boyes Springs; and on September 18, 19, 25, 26, the Richmond Golf Course was used for the second tournament. Teams and individual awards were presented the winners.

MARBLES

On March 27, Midget Leroy Casey, Westside Court; Junior Will Fleming, Middle Point; Intermediate Carlton Dillon, Candlestick; and Senior Glovichio, Ridge Point were presented medals as champions of their respective divisions in the Municipal Federation Marble Tournament. The finals were played at Ralph Playground.

OTHER EVENTS

Other events conducted by the Athletic Department were a Kite Tournament, Ribbon Play Day for small children, Joseph Lee Play Day at North Beach Playground, and the Annual Doll Show.

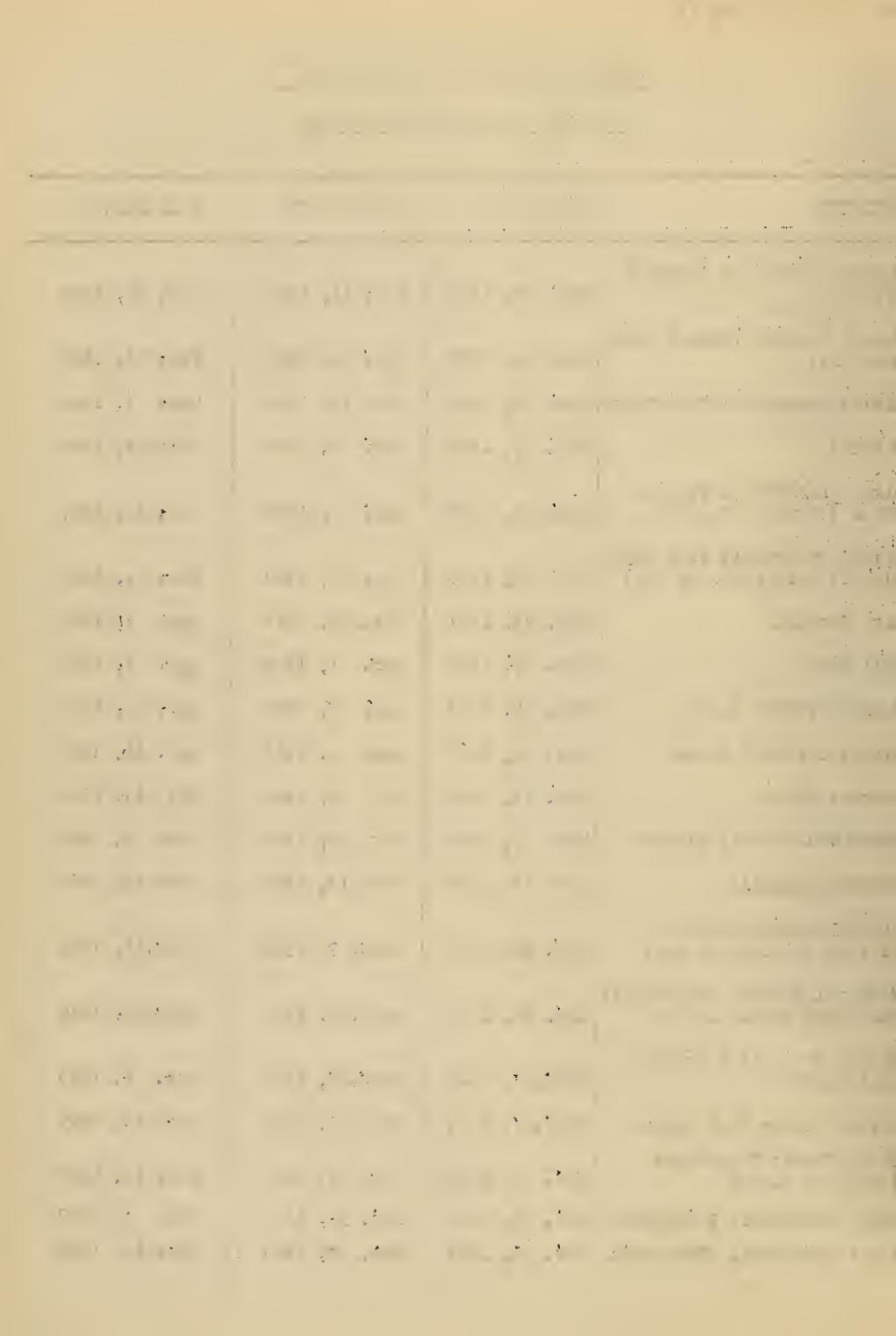
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SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL FEDERATION
COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1949

ACTIVITY	NOTICE SENT	ENTRIES DUE	PLAY STARTS
Tennis Tournament (Boys' & Girls')	Jan. 19, 1949	Feb. 11, 1949	Mar. 26, 1949
Relays Playday (Boys & Girls under 12)	Jan. 26, 1949	Feb. 18, 1949	Feb. 26, 1949
Girls' Basketball Pentathlon	Feb. 8, 1949	Feb. 23, 1949	Mar. 5, 1949
Marbles	Feb. 9, 1949	Mar. 4, 1949	Mar. 26, 1949
Girls' Basketball Playday (14 & 15 years of age)	Feb. 10, 1949	Mar. 9, 1949	Mar. 19, 1949
Girls' Basketball Play Night (16, 17 & 18 years of age)	Feb. 10, 1949	Mar. 16, 1949	Mar. 31, 1949
Kite Contest	Feb. 23, 1949	Mar. 25, 1949	Apr. 2, 1949
Doll Show	Mar. 9, 1949	Apr. 1, 1949	Apr. 9, 1949
Boys' Softball League	Mar. 16, 1949	Apr. 4, 1949	Apr. 16, 1949
Girls' Softball League	Mar. 16, 1949	Apr. 4, 1949	Apr. 16, 1949
Track & Field	Apr. 13, 1949	May 5, 1949	May 14, 1949
Mixed Volley Ball Playday	May 5, 1949	May 25, 1949	June 4, 1949
Summer Baseball	May 25, 1949	June 13, 1949	June 25, 1949
Mixed Kickball Playday (8 thru 11 years of age)	Aug. 24, 1949	Sept. 7, 1949	Sept. 17, 1949
Football Feature Contest-Six Man Touch Tackle League	Aug. 24, 1949	Sept. 12, 1949	Sept. 24, 1949
Girls' Net Ball & Volley Ball Playday	Sept. 14, 1949	Sept. 28, 1949	Oct. 8, 1949
Girls' Volley Ball League	Sept. 21, 1949	Oct. 10, 1949	Oct. 22, 1949
Table Tennis Tournament (Boys and Girls)	Oct. 5, 1949	Oct. 21, 1949	Nov. 19, 1949
Boys' Basketball Pentathlon	Nov. 23, 1949	Dec. 30, 1949	Jan. 7, 1950
Boys' Basketball Tournament	Nov. 23, 1949	Dec. 30, 1949	Jan. 14, 1950



GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

The Sports Program, "Women's and Girls", is divided into four divisions: Junior Girls, Recreation Women, Industrial Women, and Social Recreation in connection with Sports.

JUNIOR GIRLS

The Junior Girls' program embraces most of the popular sports, and is constructed to take care of all girls up to and including eighteen years of age.

In most of the activities conducted, we find that the "Play Day" or "Play Night" type of competition is best, being particularly suited to girls of elementary and high school age.

Inter-playground Athletic Events for Junior Girls and Junior Mixed Groups for the year 1948-1949, were as follows:

		Units Participating	Teams	Participants
<u>Girls</u> -	Basketball Pentathlon..	31	-	260
	" Play Day ..	14	16	130
	" Play Night..	11	14	115
	Net Ball and Volley- ..			
	ball Play Day	30	48	340
	Softball League ..	22	52	640
	Tennis (See J.Lang's Report)			
	Table Tennis -ditto-			
<u>Mixed</u> -	Volleyball Play Day ..	25	51	360
	Relays Play Day ..	40	90	720
	Kickball Play Day ..	26	30	325
	Joseph Lee Play Day ..	68	-	1,650
	Special-Doll Show ..	38	-	500

All figures listed above represent the number who actually participated in the inter-playground competition. These same activities were regularly conducted on playgrounds before each of the events took place, and assistance was given to many of the directors who sought help in the organization of their groups preparatory to the city-wide events. (Some units entered two or more teams.)

RECREATION WOMEN AND CO-RECREATION

This section is formed to take care of all adult groups and individuals who are not eligible for participation in the Industrial Division, such as clubs, churches, neighborhood groups, etc.

CITY-WIDE COMPETITIVE EVENTS

Women Participants

Basketball Tournament -	250	(who played once a week for 8 weeks)
Volleyball Tournament -	180	(" " " " " 9 ")
Softball Tournament -	190	(" " " " " 8 ")
Badminton Tournament -	85	

Other than the above competitive events for women, Volleyball and Badminton were played regularly each week throughout the year.

Mixed Badminton -	average weekly attendance	- 300
Mixed Volleyball -	" " "	- 75
Women's Volleyball -	" " "	- 50

INDUSTRIAL WOMEN

The second section of our Athletic program is known as the Industrial Division of the San Francisco Recreation Department. The object of this division is to foster and promote athletic activities for industrial firms in the City and County of San Francisco, who are members of the Industrial Division.

Each member firm appoints a man and a woman representative, who become members of the Board of Representatives. From this group, fifteen are elected to serve as members of the Board of Directors. The Board, together with the two Supervisors of Athletics (male and female) from the San Francisco Recreation Department, administer the Industrial Division program.

Other than the full sports calendar of inter-firm competitive events - intra-firm recreation activities were also conducted for the bona fide full-time employee of member firms who requested assistance.

INTER-FIRM EVENTS

Women Participants

Golf (2 Tournaments)	65
Tennis (2 Tournaments)	160
Bowling (Women)	400 (who bowled once a week for 25 weeks)
Bowling (Mixed) 300 Women	450 (who played " " " " 16 wks.)
Table Tennis	150 Men 65
Volleyball	60 (" " " " " 6 wks.)
Basketball	160 (" " " " " 8 wks.)
Softball	80 (" " " " " 6 wks.)
Badminton	60

These above figures represent only the number who participated in inter-firm competition. Intra-firm activities were stressed and encouraged and we assisted firm leaders in the organization of such programs, for instance:

Several firms have organized "Firm nights" where employees and their families enjoy mixed athletics one night each week. Badminton, Volleyball and Group Games make up the evening's program.

SOCIAL RECREATION

At the completion of most of our tournaments, get-togethers of participants were held either at the Sigmund Stern Grove, or at some large down-town hotel. Awards were presented at these meetings.

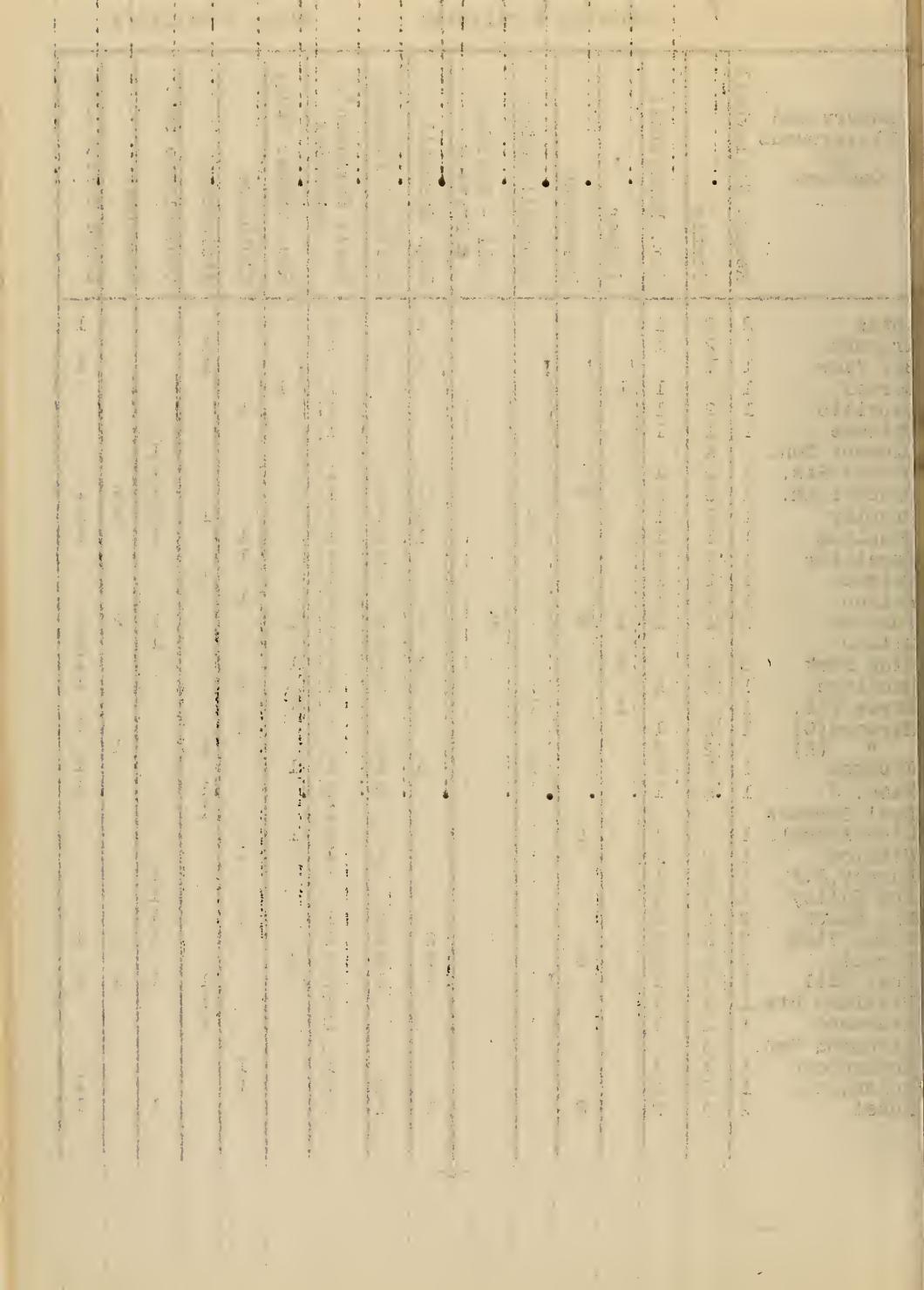
Women's Bowling Banquet.	137
2 Mixed Badminton Parties	186
Women's Basketball Banquet	124
" " Dance	400
Mixed Bowling Party.	106
Industrial Representatives Get-Together, January . .	92
" " " " June.	68
Summer Tour Reunion	74

In addition to the above, assistance was given to many large firms and clubs in planning their programs, social gatherings, etc., many of these affairs being held at Sigmund Stern Grove, one of the beauty spots of San Francisco. Many times during the year we were called upon to assist club, firm, and church groups in organizing sports programs, tournaments, picnic parties, etc.

Activity Facilities

Bldg. Facilities

Supervised Playgrounds and Centers	Remov. Volleyball	Tennis	Cut. Basketball	Indoor "	Horseshoe	Handball Courts	Golf - Putting & Driving	Reg. Baseball	Softball Diamond	Small Children's Apparatus	Rec. Center Bldg.	Clubhouse	Fieldhouse	Convenience Sta.	Bleachers	Large Turfed Area
Aptos	2	2	1	1				1	1	1						1
Argonne	1	2	1	1				1	1	1						1
Bay View	1	1														1
Bernal	1			1												
Cabrillo	1	2	1	1												
Chinese	1	1	1	1												
Clement Ten.		4														
Corona Hts.	1	6	1	2												
Crocker Am.	1	6	1	1												
Crowley	1	2	1	1												
Douglass																
Excelsior	1	1	1	1												
Folsom	1	2	1	1												
Fulton	1	2	1	1												
Funston	2	4	2	2	1											
Gilman																
Glen Park	2	2	2	2	1											
Hamilton	1	2	2	4	1											
Hayes Val.	1															
Hayward(G)	1	2	2	1	1											
" (B)	1	2	2	2	1											
Jackson	1	1	1	1	1											
Kahn, J.	1	4	1	1												
Levi Strauss																
Michelangelo	1															
Mission																
Murphy, J.P.	1	2	2	2	1											
Noe Valley	1	3	2	1	1											
No. Beach	2	2	2	2	1											
Ocean View	2	4	2	2	1											
Portola	2	4	4	2	1											
Fot. Hill	1	2	1	1	1											
Presidio Hts.	1	1	1	1	1											
Richmond	1	2	1	1												
Richmond Ten.		5														
Rochambeau	1	1	1	1												
Rolph, Jas.	1	2	2	2	1											
Rossi	2	3	2	2	8											



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Totals	45	86	44	5	37	5	3	26	33	38	7	10	11	20	12
															21

MISCELLANEOUS UNITS - SPECIAL FACILITIES

WIMMING POOLS: The department maintains two open air pools. Mission Playground Pool at 19th and Angelica Streets, and North Beach Pool at Lombard and Mason Streets. Continuous chlorination and filtering render pur water. Efficient life guard service at all times. Classes conducted by the department. Pools open daily from 10 to 4 p.m. Children under 18 years of age are eligible.

VOLLEYBALL: Equipment and courts located at North Beach Annex.

AWN BOWLING: Sigmund Stern Recreation Grove.

ARCHERY COURTS: Sigmund Stern Recreation Grove.

CRICKET: Field set-up at Julius Kahn Playground.

GARDENING: Working materials and garden plots at Junior Recreation Museum, 600 Ocean Avenue.

MOUNTAIN CAMP: Camp Mather, at Mather, Tuolumne County, Calif.

RACK & FIELD: These facilities provided at Jackson and Aptos Playgrounds.

SCHOOLYARD SUPERVISION PROVIDED ON 34 SCHOOLYARDS AFTERNOONS, SATURDAYS, AND HOLIDAYS. ALL DAY DURING SUMMER VACATION.

LIGHTED FOR NIGHT USE.

IN ADDITION, 19 SCHOOL GYMNASIUMS ARE OPERATED EVENINGS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

S W I M M I N G

Interest in Swimming shows a marked increase each year. At the two pools operated by the San Francisco Recreation Department, attendance was 30% higher than the previous year.

The attendance for the fiscal year 1948-1949 is as follows:

Mission Pool (operating six months)	33,099
Crystal Plunge (twelve months)	<u>97,467</u>
	130,566

The 7th Annual Red Cross "Learn to Swim" Campaign is well under way with a registration of 500 children at Crystal for the first series and 300 for the first series at Mission. Final figures for this campaign will not be available until September. Last year the attendance for the campaign was 12,432. The instructions for this campaign are given only in the mornings. The afternoons are devoted to instructions in swimming, diving, water ballet and coaching in the various swimming strokes.

Swimming pool activities during the current fiscal year were highlighted by 4 major events:

Three Joseph Lee Day Programs led the events; two were held at Crystal and one at Mission, and all included a great variety of swimming and life-saving skills, water ballet, and diving. At the All-City Joseph Lee Day Program at Crystal, there were 900 boys and girls participating.

The second major event was the Boys' Annual Meet on October 9, with 55 contestants and 360 spectators. This meet was highlighted by such swimming champions as Gordon Whitaker and Jimmie Lee.

The next event was the Girls' Annual meet, held at Mission Pool on October 16, with 78 contestants and 450 spectators. In this meet Georgia Baldassari, from North Beach Playground, won the feature event, the 50-yard free-style for playground girls. The individual Medley Race was won by Jean Grutzmacher from Crystal Plunge.

The final event, the All-City Championship Meet, held at Fleishhacker Pool over the Fourth of July week-end, met with overwhelming success. This meet was financed by the City of San Francisco under the Mayor's Fourth of July Citizens Committee. Despite the cold and fog, there were 3500 spectators and 82 participants. Swimming stars such as Ann Curtis Cuneo, Joan Mallory, and Morley Shapiro, were on hand to display their water talents.

Every effort on the part of the San Francisco Recreation Department is made to keep these pools so sanitary as to make them safe and inviting for the children of San Francisco. The water is filtered and chlorinated twenty-four hours a day. The lockers, pool area, lobby, and showers are hosed and disinfected daily. Children wear Recreation Department's suits at Mission; also, caps must be

worn by all girls. No child is permitted to go into the water without first being inspected for cuts, sores or rashes, and without an all-over shower. Two qualified recreation life-guards are on duty at all times, while the pool is in operation.

The activities program includes:

Swimming meets for boys and girls
Weekly swimming and diving exhibitions
Aquacades
District Swims
Parochial school meets
Junior and Senior high school meets
Inter-class competition
Scout classes
Campfire Girls' classes
Church recreation groups
Playground and Summer school groups
High school classes.

Playground Classes

Daily for beginners, intermediates and advanced children under 18 years of age

Diving
Life-saving
Water safety
Coaching

The Health Department tests our pools weekly for bacteria and B coli. Although we are allowed 100 count per cubic centimeter of water, bacteria is absent at all times. B coli is never present.

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At the annual girls' swimming meet held at Mission Pool October 16, with Malcom MacDonald, Examiner sports writer, presenting awards. Left to right, (rear) the girls are Barbara Alvarado, Carol Knope, (front) Priscilla Alvarado, Sophie Vasile, Glenda Ortlip, Laverne Lindecker. To the right of Mr. MacDonald, winners receiving awards are: small-but-mighty Pat Malone, winner of event for tiny tots, who a year ago was afraid of water; Phyllis Conrad, Antoinette Lazaro, Norma Fartheringham, and Joan Anderson.

AQUATIC SHOW

As winner in the 100 yard individual medley contest, Jean Grutzmacher proved that she is capable of national recognition when she churned the distance in 1 minute, 17 seconds in the Girls' Annual Swimming Meet, held October 16 at Mission Pool.

Thirteen-year-old Georgia Baldassari claimed the city-wide playground championship when she came in first in the senior fifty-yard freestyle event. Playground entrants for this event were eliminated by previous try-outs and those with the best time qualified for the meet.

Crystal Plunge's outstanding paddler, Marion Olson, easily captured high honors by placing in freestyle, pigeon, individual medley and backstroke races.

Results of the meet:

Junior 30 yd. freestyle (Class A) —Joan Morgan, Crystal; Joan Anderson, Mission; Glenda Ortlip, Mission. 20.2 secs.

Junior 30 yd. freestyle (Class B) —Sandra Stewart, Crystal; Florence Gustafson, Crystal; Marilyn Carlson, Crystal. 20.2 secs.

(See Page 4)

LOOKING AHEAD

The following is a reprint from the National "Recreation" magazine of October, 1948:

"Jingle Bells" might sound strange to your ears in October, but there's nothing strange about planning for Christmas at this early date. To save a lot of rush and worry—and to work up some really special ideas for Yuletide plays, parties, decorations—here is list of helpful publications which may be obtained from the National Recreation Association, 315 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. Please send stamps, check or money order, and be sure to give the MP or MB order number.

CHRISTMAS IS FUN

Christmas Fairs (MB 984)—Ideas for inexpensive gifts and activities \$.05

Christmas Kaleidoscope, A (MB 95)—A Dance festival for large number of children. 05

Christmas Party, A (MB 1420)—Games and gift distribution05

Christmas Suggestions For Children (MB 796)—Let the children in on the planning. 05

Dickens' Christmas Spirit (MB 1268)—Ideas for parties05

Games, Games, Games To Make Your Christmas Merry (MB 1827)—Seven games to liven up your party05

Ice-Breakers And Games For Christmas—(MB 1435)05

Mixers For Christmas Dances And Parties—(MB 1425)05

Polar Christmas Party, A—A party with an Arctic theme10

St. George Play, The (MP 56)—A rollicking farce10

Some Christmas Quiz Suggestions (MB 1422)—Four quizzes05

Ways To Distribute Small Christmas Gifts (MB 1587)05

CHRISTMAS IS COLORFUL

Christmas Novelties For Everyone—Ornaments, decorations, and the like05

Christmas Tree Ornaments From Egg Shells (MB 1133)05

Christmas Windows (MB 586)—Use of cellophane, oiled paper, and so forth, to brighten up the windows05

Cutting Christmas Greens (MB 1264)—Going after greens, making wreaths05

Gifts And Gadgets Made Of Paper (MP 297)—Ideas for gifts and decorations.15

Joyous Noel (MB 1825)—Christmas decorations for the tables05

Make Your Christmas Colorful (MB 1828)—Chemicals to use for adding color to the fireplace05

Suggestions For Novel Christmas Cards (MP 290)05

Toys For Children (MB 1896)05

You Can Make Your Christmas Cards (MB 607)05

CHRISTMAS IS SERIOUS

Christmas Carol Leaflets (Per 100)80

Christmas Customs And Legends Around

The World (MP 255)—Told in pantomime form	\$.10
Christmas Pageant, A (MP 378)—A pageant for small children, with music and dances	.15
Festival Of Light—Narrator, pantomime, carols	.10
Here We Go A-Caroling (MB 1897)	.05
Hints For Christmas In Church Or School (MB 1899)	.05
Joy To The World (MB 1585)—A pageant for church	.05
Seven Gifts, The (MP 369)—A Christmas pantomime, simple staging	.10
Stories Of The Christmas Carols (MP 60)	.15

MISCELLANEOUS—Recreation Magazine:	
November, 1944.*—The Hanging of the Greens, Decorations by the Family.	

November, 1945: (Price \$.25)—Bedecked with Bays and Rosemary, Toward a Community Christmas, A Play for Christmas?, Children's Christmas Program, Festival of Light.

December, 1945: (Price \$.25)—Christmas in San Francisco, 1945, by Lydia Patzelt; Santa Comes to Roseland, by S. W. Hudson, Jr.; Custom of Mexico.

November, 1946.*—Christmas, Holly-Crown'd, Planning Christmas Parties, by Robert Lohan, "We Deck Up Our Houses."

November, 1947.*—The Run-Away Sled, Christmas Carol Caravan, Oakland's Christmas Pageant by Louise Jorgensen; A Town Dresses Up, by John P. Fern.

OTHER SOURCES: Christmas Book, The	
—Contains a wealth of ideas for parties, decorations and other Christmas activities	\$.50

Christmas Handcraft Recipes (MB 1900)05

Quiz-mas Greetings (MB 1906)—A Christmas quiz on an international scale.... .05

New Year's Parties: Beginning of the year Games (MB 1595)05

Crown Your Twelve Months Merrily (MP 265)10

"Turn Over A New Leaf, Party, A" (MP 171)05

Watch Night Party (MP 346)05

NEW LISTINGS: Christmas Masques, Festivals And Pageants With Music (MP 406)	.10
Christmas Music (MP 216)—A listing of the best collections	.05

Christmas Plays For Children (MP 404)—An up-to-date annotated list for children from primary to high school age10

Play For Christmas, A (MP 405)—A new list of secular and religious plays for various age groups, including adults05

*Out of print. (Consult library.) See the November, 1948 issues of *Recreation* magazine and the Bulletin Service for further new suggestions on Christmas planning.

CITY EMPLOYEES SOFTBALL

In the City Employees' Softball League, the Park Department leads the loop with a four-win, one-loss record. Games are played on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, 8:30 P.M., at James Rolph, Jr. Playground, Army and Potrero Streets and (See Page 4)



Joan Olson of Mission Playground is quite adept at kickball and earns the admiration of her playmates at the annual kickball play day.

KICKBALL PLAYDAY

On October 9 a second place tie between Rolph and Excelsior Playgrounds saw the former take the contest in a tightly-fought affair at the winner's home field, in the Annual Mixed Kickball Play Day.

After eight innings of work (regulation game is five innings) a single by pitcher, Anna Mae Tomassello brought in the winning tally to cap the event, 8-7.

For their effort second place medals will be presented to Carol Stitch, Miss Tomassello, Benny Bogcri, Roger Lavin, Frank Dellari, Tom Lavin, Leo Luciano, Maureen Hernan, Shirley Hernan and Marilyn O'Connor.

Outstanding performances by Barbara Cecil, Ed Lynn and Richard Pels helped lead Cabrillo Playground to the championship on October 2. Members of top squad were Robin McConaughy, catcher; Ed Lane, first base; 2nd base, Ed Lynn; 3rd base, Louise Von Emther; short stop, Richard Pels; left field, Steve Halber; center field, Jack Perry; Sally Daley, right field, and pitcher, Barbara Cecil. There were competent replacements in Paul Reinhertz, Herb Friedman and Regina Safbie.

Other district winners who participated in this play day included North Beach, representing Chinatown, Ellis, Polk, Marina and North Beach districts; Double Rock, Housing Centers; Bryant, Mission, Noe Valley, South Market, Potrero, Bay View and Outer Mission.

GLEE CLUB HOLDS SESSIONS

In preparation for the coming holiday season, the Girls' Glee Club is now conducting song sessions on Monday evenings, 6:30 o'clock, Everett Junior High School choral room.

"WITHIN THESE WALLS"

Social and athletic activities have found their way on the calendars of the many Housing Centers for October 4 through 18.

At CANDLESTICK COVE the Women's Sewing Club gathered for an old-fashioned "Quilting Party," which was given by Mrs. Robert Parshall on October 4. The net result? Four finished quilts.

Teen agers at the Cove have played hosts again. This time to more than 100 youngsters who attended the dance, held at the clubhouse, October 5. An accomplishment well done is extended to members of the 90 pound Touch Tackle football squad when they downed Bernal, Visitacion Valley and Rolph squads for the Eastern League title.

The Little Stars Girls' Club at CAROLINA held an outing on Carolina Hill for twenty girls and boys, October 15. A picnic lunch was served to young participants. Hide and seek, jump rope and circle games occupied a vigorous afternoon. The previous day boys' and girls' clubs competed against each other in making chain decorations. Singing games completed the afternoon with youngsters being presented candy.

Featuring a cabaret party, the Chums' Social Club at CHANNEL entertained other members of the organization with Haley's Heartbreakers doing the musical chores for the occasion. Eighty-one children signed the guest book.

Congratulations were in store for the DOUBLE ROCK kickball team when they defeated other Housing Centers for that district championship. While participating in the city finals at Rolph Playground on October 2, the group was defeated by a more experienced opponent.

October 15 was, indeed, a very important activity day for teen agers. Forty-nine enthusiastic members took to the Trianon Rink and roller skates like professional skaters. Later, a performance of "Kiss and Tell", presented by members of Hamilton Teen Age Center's dramatic group, was well-enjoyed by seventy-five youngsters.

Rope-jumping was put on the contest block as contestants lined up at GUAM VILLAGE for the event. At the conclusion of the matches Ruth Ann Anders proved worthy of girls' championship while the fellow's crown was taken by David Galagher.

A gala party for children who entered the first grade was held for young Villagers on October 7. Refreshments were served, games were played, and children sang songs and danced.

"Meet Your Neighbor" Night was held for thirty adults at the Village Clubhouse. Table tennis, whist were played with doughnuts and coffee being served as refreshments.

SUNNYDALE'S finger painting group was again started on October 9 for the fall session. This activity has always been one of the most popular events for youngsters.

More than sixty-five teen agers enjoyed their weekly dance held on October 13.

In a practice basketball game between the senior teams of Valencia Gardens and Douglass Playground the former squad won by a majority, thus leaving no doubt among the rooters that the home team will boast no less than a championship squad.

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SWIMMING RETURNS

(From Page 1)

Senior 50 yd. Backstroke—Miriam MacDonald, Crystal; Barbara Bell, Crystal; Georgia Baldassari, Crystal. 39 secs.

100 yd. Freestyle (open)—won by Valerie Delaneaux, Crystal; Marion Olson, Crystal; Laverne Lindecker, Crystal. 1:7.2 secs.

50 yd. Freestyle-High School—Marilyn Van Dyke, Crystal; Betty Trout, Crystal; Mary Long, Crystal. 33 secs.

20 yd. Freestyle—Tiny Tots—Pat Malone, Mission; Nancy Rapp, Crystal; Norma Fartheringham, Mission.

Senior 50 yd. Freestyle—Georgia Baldassari, Crystal; Leslie Blake, Crystal; Carol Knope, Mission.

100 yd. Backstroke (open)—Marion Olson, Crystal; Laverne Lindecker, Crystal; Miriam MacDonald, Crystal. 1:18.9 secs.

Sidestroke for form—won by Barbara Alvarado, Mission; Priscilla Alvarado, Mission; Joan Anderson, Mission.

100 yd. Individual Medley—Jean Grutzmacher, Crystal; Valerie Delaneaux, Crystal; Marion Olson, Crystal. 1:17.9.

Pidgeon Race—Marion Olson, Betty Trout, Mary Long.

Diving—1st, Barbara Alvarado, Mission; Laverne Lindecker, Crystal; Sophie Vasile, Mission.

WITHIN THESE WALLS

(From Page 3)

Fifteen members of WEST COURT'S Junior Beavers Club have pledged themselves to take a more active part in entering city-wide sporting activities.

An educational movie on the states of New York, Arizona and Florida was presented through the courtesy of Pan American Air Lines.

Meeting for the first time, a 15 to 19-year-old club for girls discussed plans and activities for the group as a unit. Other than being a member of the Book of the Month Club, each member is to crochet a small beret during regular meetings.

GLEN PARK BASKETBALL

As was the case last year, Glen Park Playground's night basketball league will start play the first week of November. Glen Park Athletic Club led by Chic DeLee are again favorites to win.

The league will end approximately January 1, thus enabling the eight teams participating to enter the Recreation Department's city-wide tournament.

Games will be played Monday and Wednesday nights starting at 7:30 and 8:30 P.M.

CITY EMPLOYEES

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Margaret S. Hayward Playground, Golden Gate Avenue and Gough.

League standings as of October 13:

Team	Won	Lost
Park Department	4	1
Municipal Garage	2	1
Juvenile Court	2	1
Elkton Shop	2	1
Geary Barn	2	3
Bus Operators	1	2
Controllers	0	4

SPECIAL ATHLETIC EVENTS**TOUCH TACKLE**

S. F. Municipal Federation Six-Man League, 90, 100, 110, 120, 130# exponent divisions, November 6, 10:30, 11:30, 1:25, James Rolph, Jr. Playground, Potrero & Army; Funston, Chestnut & Webster; M. S. Hayward, Golden Gate & Gough; Excelsior, Russia & Madrid; Angelo J. Rossi, Arguello & Edward; Glen Park, Chenery & Elk; Portola, Felton & Holyoke.

BASKETBALL

Industrial League, Kezar Pavilion, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, November 1, 3, 4, 5.

SOFTBALL

S. F. City Employees League, 8:30 P.M., James Rolph, Jr., Potrero & Army, November 1, 3.

VOLLEYBALL

Recreation Women's League, Everett Gymnasium, 16th & Church, 7:15, 8:15, November 1, 4.

BASEBALL

Night League, Classes AA, A, B, C, Nov. 1, 3, 4, 5, 5.45, 8:00 P.M., Funston Playground, Chestnut & Webster.

Independent Games, Classes AA, A, B & C, Nov. 7, 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, Father Crowley Playground, 7th & Harrison; Funston, Chestnut & Webster; Jackson, 17th & Carolina; Bay View, 3rd & Armstrong; Glen Park, Chenery & Elk; Potrero Hill, 22nd & Arkansas; Ocean View, Plymouth & Lobos; Angelo J. Rossi, Arguello & Edward; James Rolph, Jr., Potrero & Army.

BOWLING

Industrial Women's League, Powell Recreation, 115 Powell St.; Golden Gate Recreation, 115 Jones, Nov. 1, 3.

Industrial Men's League, 6:15 P.M., Bagdad Bowl, 1641 Ellis, Nov. 3, 4; Mission Bowl, 3140 Mission, Nov. 3; Sports Center, 3333 Mission, Nov. 4.

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JUNIOR MUSEUM

For the past year, the San Francisco Recreation Department has continued its program of Science, Natural History, and Handicraft activities at the Junior Museum. The purpose of this program is to offer the young people of San Francisco an opportunity to participate in scientific hobbies presented in the form of exhibits, study collections, handicraft projects, and field excursions.

ATTENDANCE

The total attendance for the fiscal year was 34,308 persons. This number included 154 groups, comprising 4,715 children and leaders:

- 76 school classes (2643 children and teachers)
- 23 playgrounds and centers (1065 children and directors)
- 48 Scout groups (780 children and leaders)
- 7 adult groups (227 men and women)

Each group was escorted on a tour of the Museum by a member of the staff, who explained the exhibits and collections, and extended to the visiting children an invitation to join the Museum.

EXHIBITS

Three types of exhibits were presented: permanent, seasonal, and short-term.

PERMANENT EXHIBITS

These exhibits remain in place throughout the year, and are designed to portray the various activities offered by the Museum. During the year, the following were added to the Museum's permanent exhibits:

- 1 - Systematic collection of minerals for study purposes
- 2 - Rocks and minerals of the Bay Area
- 3 - California Indian implements
- 4 - What an insect is, and identification of insect families.

SEASONAL EXHIBITS

Seasonal exhibits are arranged to correspond with the time that natural history material is at its best for observation purposes. During spring and summer months the children maintain a collection of local wildflowers. Live specimens are housed in aquaria and terraria. Under observation this year were the life stages of butterflies and moths, dragonflies, paper wasps, beetles, and the spittlebug. Frogs and salamanders were raised from eggs to adults. Guppies, barbs, and other tropical fish were reared successfully in heated tanks.

In cooperation with the California Conservation Council,

special exhibits were prepared for Conservation Week. These included a series of wild-life stamps, issued by the National Wildlife Federation, and a loan exhibit of confiscated illegal bird feathers by the U. S. Customs Department.

The month of August was devoted to exhibits on Forestry, Outdoor Living, and Forest Fire Prevention.

SHORT-TERM EXHIBITS

Short-term exhibits consist of special interest items and current events. Children take an active part in preparing and arranging these exhibits, guided by a member of the staff. During the year, the following were on display:

Useful Ores	Water Snails
Igneous and Sedimentary Rocks	Swallow-tail Butterflies
Rare Copper Ores	(Mexico, India and South America)
The Black Widow Spider	Natural History of Camp Mather
Seed Travelers	Sting Ray

STUDY COLLECTIONS

The Museum maintains study collections of science and natural history material, arranged in scientific order for reference purposes. These include a systematic mineral collection, a systematic botanical collection, and, under preparation, a systematic sea shell collection. Also, for study purposes, is a collection of reptiles, amphibians and mammals, preserved in glass show bottles.

A library of books, magazines, bulletins, and other publications devoted to natural science, handicraft, and aviation, are available during Museum hours.

FIELD TRIPS

Museum field trips are of two types: (1) for observation; and (2) for collecting science material. Each trip is conducted by a member of the staff, and, in the case of long trips, transportation is furnished by parents of the members.

Eleven observation trips in all were made to the Academy of Sciences and Aquarium, Golden Gate Park, the Division of Mines, Ferry Building, including one to view Mr. Julius Gisler's private mineral collection.

Collecting trips were more numerous, consisting of
9 for wildflowers and butterflies
2 for rocks and mineral specimens
2 for seashells and fossils
2 for quartz and Selenite crystals
1 for sulphate minerals
1 for agates and geodes
1 for cinnabar specimens

In all, there were twenty-nine field excursions made by 435 children and leaders, which took them to nine different locations in the Bay Area.

MODEL AIRCRAFT

Designing, building, and flying of model aircraft was a daily activity. This is carried on through a series of progressive steps for beginners, using models previously designed, in which the invisible factors influencing flight have been worked out in advance. As soon as a builder has completed this program, he is encouraged to design his own models. The Museum supplies work space, tools, equipment, and instruction for beginners and advanced model builders. The same scientific problems are encountered in designing and flying model aircraft as are presented in full-scale planes.

The Museum conducted ten model airplane contests during the year, and members of the staff participated as officials, judges, and timers in other meets sponsored by local organizations. Several members of the Junior Museum won or placed high in local, state, and national contests.

ROCKMINORS CLUB

During the school term, advanced members of the Rockminors Club held evening meetings twice a month at the Junior Museum. At several meetings, members of this group led discussions on topics of geological interest. Subjects discussed were:

- Geology of the Sierra Nevada Mountains
- Sulphate Minerals of the Alma Pyrite Mines
- Fluorescence and Uranium Minerals
- Meteors and Meteorites
- Gold and the Mother Lode Country
- Systems of Crystallography

YOUTH TALENT SHOW

Members of the Rockminors Club entered exhibits in the Youth Talent Show, sponsored by the San Francisco Chronicle, and won six of the eight prizes awarded in the Earth Science Division.

PUBLICATIONS

Two bulletins were published monthly. THE JUNIOR NATURALIST, in its twelfth year of publication, covered the activities of the various science groups, with stories and articles written by the children. THE THIRD DIMENSION, in its sixth year of publication, was devoted to the activities of the Model Airplane Club. 500 copies of each bulletin were printed and distributed monthly.

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Linoleum block Christmas cards in the making by the children at the Junior Museum (left to right) Jimmy Nuckolls, Edward Blum, George Ioannow, Jack Hardgrave, Donald Melville, Norbert Gutierrez, Fred Schulenberg, Marlene Smith, Mr. Bert Walker, curator; Richard Gutierrez, Sam Schulenberg.

MUSEUM CRAFT ROOMS

BECOME SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Santa Claus would surely approve as his helpers all the boys and girls at the Junior Museum as they are making some beautiful as well as useful Christmas gifts.

Mother will have every reason for real pleasure when she sees the table cloths, napkins and place mats, and towels her young hopefuls have made for her. Some have used linoleum blocks which they made themselves of floral or conventional designs with fish designs for the bath towels. Others have employed the use of stencils. Already one eleven-year-old girl has taken her six place mats and napkins home to hide them carefully until that all-important day; while one of the boys has proudly tucked away a beautifully stenciled floral-design cloth and napkins.

Each year, these youngsters, members of the St. Francis Garden Club, do a great amount of Junior Red Cross work for the hospitals, and they are now awaiting their assignment for this year. Last holiday season they made hundreds of menu covers

and decorated many pine cones.

Christmas wreaths will decorate the homes of the children who are making some very attractive garlands of colored cellophane to which they tie eucalyptus buds and pine cones tinged with silver paint.

Cookie containers and other articles are made with colorful cellophane, while for the tree ornaments include cones and masonite animals.

Wall shelves are the choice of many of the boys of junior highschool age. Various styles of these shelves are being cut out and stained or painted.

And everyone is making Christmas cards in all sorts of designs. Linoleum blocks are cut out carefully to form whatever design may be desired. A particularly popular model is that which prints four Santas on one card.

These are the children who during other seasons of the year make model aeroplanes and boats and other handicraft including woodcraft, puppetry, rock polishing, finger painting, as well as writing the Junior Naturalist and doing gardening in the back of the building.



Hank Luisetti, former All American Cage star from Stanford, and coach of the Stewart-Chevrolet team, gives awards to the winners of the Industrial Division's recent Basketball Tournament. Left to right, Elmo Tofanelli, of the Recreation Department staff; Nick Desin, manager of the Basketball Committee, Southern Pacific; Hank Luisetti; and Charles Butler, chairman of the Basketball Committee for the Bank of America.

THE ROCKMINORS

The sound of many hammers can be heard at the Junior Museum on the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings of each month. The Rockminors had its first fall evening meeting on Monday, November 8. Temporary officers were elected and plans made for a field rock-collecting trip to the famous Tiburon Peninsula area.

The Rockminors is open for membership to those who have an interest in geology or any of the earth sciences. The bi-monthly meetings are held in the Science Room of the Junior Museum. The meeting begins at 8:00 and ends promptly at 9:30 P.M. A half hour before the meeting starts, members are usually busily occupied with trading their various rock finds with each other.

A different subject is discussed by the members at each meeting. The minerals and geology of the Tiburon Peninsula were discussed last time in preparation for the coming field trip. Peter Strain led the discussion.

The next regular meeting of the club will be held December 13, with the discussion on sulphate minerals to be led by Paul Wesendunk.

ENTRIES DUE NOW!

December 13 is the last day for entries to be sent in to Athletic Office, 1625 Market Street, in order to become eligible for competition in the Eighteenth Annual Recreation Unlimited Basketball Tournament, scheduled to begin on January 3.

Four classes, A, B, C, and D, have been tentatively set for contests with classifications to be based on age, ability and experience of the players.

Each team will be allowed to sign up fifteen players, and additional names or changes in the original list will not be allowed after closing date of entries.

TROPHIES GIVEN

The Concert Room of the Palace Hotel was the scene of a sports celebration at which winning Industrial Men's Basketball squads were presented trophies on November 29 at the Awards Banquet.

More than 175 persons saw Hank Luisetti, former Stanford All American Cage star, award Classes AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D honors to first and second place winners.

PREVIEW OF RECREATION COLOR MOVIES FAVORABLY RECEIVED

This is the age when the public demands to know what is going on by means of visual education. The Recreation Department is answering that demand with its latest colored moving picture, "Recreation Unlimited", released last week.

The first to preview the film were the Junior League, the California Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Portola Recreation Center, all of whom declared themselves much impressed with the large scope of activities of the Recreation Department as depicted in the pictures.

The showing last year of the Department's eleven-minute movie proved so popular and created so much interest that the need was apparent for a longer film giving a more complete picture of what the Recreation Department is doing to provide leisure time activities.

The latest film requires twenty minutes' showing time, and the Department provides film with narration, projector and operator free of charge.

All those interested in having the pictures shown to their groups may phone Mr. Clifford Nelson, the photographer, at HEmlock 1-2121, Local 443, or write Mr. Nelson, Recreation Department, 304 Civic Auditorium, San Francisco 2.

BROWSING ABOUT ON DISTRICT PLAYGROUNDS

Under the supervision of Mrs. Gertrude Simonton, HAYWARD PLAYGROUND (Girls) acted in the capacity of a November Santa Claus when they contributed foodstuffs which were placed in gift boxes and baskets. In turn, these baskets were delivered to three large, needy families. Well done, girls!

The CHINESE Junior Blue Star Girls' Group, made up of youngsters aged 10 years to 13, dined and danced on November 27. The locale for the event was set at St. Mary's Mission Auditorium with 60 boys and girls attending.

A group of 55 women gathered on November 23 for a card party at the CABRILLO PLAYGROUND Mothers' Club. This date marked their first card party.

By holding a carnival November 22 at Glen Park, the Girls' Athletic Club raised enough money to purchase uniforms for the various sporting teams. Food sold at the event was either home-made or donated by the girls or their mothers.

HAYES VALLEY DANCE

Brrr, the cold weather has come and teen-agers from HAYES VALLEY turned on the "heat" December 4 at the clubhouse for a "Cold Weather Stomp."

Scheduled for December 18 is the Christmas dance at which a large crowd of boys and girls is expected to turn out.

FUNSTON LEAGUE FINISHES

At the end of playoff and championship games in Funston Night Baseball League, the powerful hitting and accurate fielding of Theisen Glass squad members decided the tilt in their favor while downing runners-up, San Francisco Police Department in Class AA. The winning nine led with seven-won and one-lost record.

Possessing an unscratched nine game slate is Gilmore Steel in Class A competition. Owl Drug took care of second place medals in the same division.

For "B" division honors, Mike Chioino boys played like true champions in winning the pennant. On November 29 two evenly-matched teams from Lou's Rendezvous and Geneva Merchants in a play-off game decided second spot in favor of the Geneva Merchants in this division.

PERSONNEL

Condolences to LOUIS CERLES, gardener, whose son passed away November 29.

DON'T CRAMP CHILDHOOD

Don't cramp childhood. Many children who associate almost exclusively with older persons never learn to enjoy themselves and, in later years, they feel that their childhood was sadly lacking. They never were children in the true sense of the word. As adults they usually become the "wallflowers" at social gatherings. Instead of doing all that is possible for their own and other people's enjoyment, they fail utterly to enjoy themselves, and prove a source of worry to those responsible for their entertainment. They cannot enter into the fun, for they have never learned to play. Annie L. Gaetz, in November, 1948, national "Recreation".



Close inspection by Donald Melville and Fred Schulenberg should insure a perfect print of linoleum block Christmas cards. See Page 1.

CHRISTMAS NEARS

In conjunction with Michelangelo Playground, North Beach Playground youngsters will present two performances of their Christmas play, "The Joyous Christmas Gift", December 13, 3:00 P.M. for members and December 17, 7:30 P.M., a special date for parents and friends.

Christmas songs and music of toy rhythm band will precede the play with the audience joining in the singing of carols after the performance.

The Girls Club (Shmoos) and the Boys Club (Aces), made up of children 12-15 years old, will combine forces for their holiday party on December 23 at 7:30 P.M. in the North Beach clubhouse.

"PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS"

Printed below are excerpts from a letter from the Honorable Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, to Mr. Howard Brauchcr, President of the National Recreation Association:

"It gives me great satisfaction to salute the thirtieth National Recreation Congress. I send to you and all who make up this important conference my best wishes for a successful meeting.

"Your group is dealing with an aspect of American life rooted in the Declaration of Independence. At the birth of no other nation was 'the pursuit of happiness' set down as one of man's inalienable rights.

"Year by year as America has moved forward building a sound economic foundation on which life could be assured and liberty protected, we have not forgotten this third right which is so rich a part of our great American heritage—the right to pursue happiness. And so today throughout our land there are playgrounds for children, special areas and buildings set aside for sports for youth, and an ever-growing number of facilities where men, women and children under leadership may in their leisure take part in a variety of activities that pay dividends in happiness."

"WITHIN THESE WALLS"

The Inter-Center Housing unlimited basketball league games seem to be the most well-attended affair at the various housing projects during the week of November 15 through 29. Thanksgiving parties were also held in groups.

At CANDLESTICK COVE the 90 exponent six-man touch tackle team took the city championship, as they triumphed over Jean Parker at Rolph playground, November 13, in a very close ball game. A second squad, the 110#, played a championship Chinese team. Though losing, 13-0, the players proved themselves worthy of runner-up honors.

Both teams were presented with medals at the luncheon, held in the social hall after the 110-pound event. To complete the already-crowded day, youngsters and directors were guests of the Shamrock ice-hockey team at Winterland.

CAROLINA COURTS' plans for a family Christmas party are now being set by teen-age club members. The Unlimited Inter-Center cage team defeated Double Rock on November 22 by a score of 22-18.

On November 19 a record crowd of eighty-five boys and girls turned out for the dance, held by the center's teen group.

CHANNEL—Playing of party games, singing, dancing and the serving of refreshments took place at Thanksgiving parties, given by the Sprites and Starlighters Club, November 23. For this occasion eighty-three children signed the guest book.

A Harvest Time Frolic with the Jolly Girls Social Club as sponsors, provided a most enjoyable evening of fun for the teen group and friends, November 26. During the intermission, members of the Chums Club staged a floor show.

HUNTERS POINT GYMNASIUM—On November 22, 23 and 24, the gym literally housed basketball teams for the Inter-Center league games. Westside, Carolina, Double Rock, Sunnydale, Channel, Valencia Gardens, Middle Point and the home team all played challengers in some very nip-and-tuck games. Rooters from the many teams added color to the many matches held.

SUNNYDALE—Before holding their dance, about fifty-two teensters joined together in a pot-luck dinner on November 24. Tables and the dance hall were decorated in a Thanksgiving theme.

The ballet group has been rehearsing numbers for the Christmas program, which will be held at the center.

VALENCIA GARDENS—Led by Joe Finnigan's 16 points, the Unlimited Basketball team won its first victory over Middle Point in an Inter-Center contest, November 23. On the following evening, the 130 pounders also took things in stride by edging Hunters Point Gym, 28-27, at the latter's courts.

Highlighted by a puppet show, "Pocahontas and Captain John Smith", a Thanksgiving program of singing with the serving of punch and cookies was held on November 24. Participants included Joan Anderson, Robert Ryan in the title roles; Robert Anderson, Russell Finley, Russ Gideon and Fancisio Frankels. In charge of the scenery was Carol Trammel.

(See next column)

WESTSIDE COURTS—This center was well represented in the All City Table Tennis Tournament at the finals by James Van, Senior division; Walter Johnson, Intermediate, and John Mathis, Junior. All won easily in the quarter finals.

Three new members have boosted the Adult Duplicate Bridge Club's membership to thirty-eight. To become a regular of the club, an adult must be an interested participant in this game.

GUAM VILLAGE—Adults, for a change, discarded dignity for an evening of fun at a Crazy Hat Party on November 18. Everyone came in an individually styled hat with prizes being awarded for the most unique and interesting headgears. Dinner topped off the evening for eighteen members who attended.

A play, "Father Gets the Turkey", received much applause when sixty-nine youngsters at the center sang, danced and ate at the holiday party on November 23.

SPECIAL ATHLETIC EVENTS**SOFTBALL**

S. F. City Employees League, 8:30 P.M., M. S. Hayward; Golden Gate & Gough, Dec. 13, 14, 15.

BASEBALL

Independent Games, Classes AA, A, B and C, December 18, 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, Father Crowley, 7th & Harrison; Funston, Chestnut & Webster; Jackson, 17th & Carolina; Bay View, 3rd & Armstrong; Glen Park, Chenery & Elk; Potrero Hill, 22nd & Arkansas; Ocean View, Plymouth & Lobos; Angelo J. Rossi, Arguello & Edward; James Rolph, Jr., Potrero & Army.

BOWLING

Industrial Men's League, 6:15 P.M., Bagdad Bowl, 1641 Ellis, December 15, 16; Mission Bowl, 3140 Mission, December 15; Sports Center, 3333 Mission, December 16.

Industrial Women's League, 6:00 P.M., December 13, 15, Powell Recreation, 115 Powell; Golden Gate Recreation, 115 Jones.

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D R A M A A N D D A N C E

The Drama Department consists of three divisions, i.e., Drama, and Costuming, and each is of equal importance in its relationship to the others. The goal is to serve all age groups--boys and girls, men and women--and give them something of cultural value that may prove important in shaping their lives.

DRAMA

A child's first experience with dramatic art is listening to stories. Storytelling leads naturally into creative dramatics thru the mediums of Story Play and Puppetry, and finally develops into formal drama productions. The Golden Gate Story League, which is sponsored by the Recreation Department, consists of a group of volunteer story-tellers, whose function it is to tell stories wherever the need arises. Each year delegates are sent to a National Convention where they tell stories and discuss ways and means of keeping the standard of the art of story-telling on a high level. The group meets once a month to discuss business matters.

The department also sponsors a children's "Story Hour" program over KFRC every Saturday morning at 8:45 A.M. This program has been recommended by civic groups as one of the few good radio programs for children.

Story Play, which is very popular throughout the year, receives impetus during the summer through the Annual Story Play Festival and Contest held at Sigmund Stern Grove in August. This Festival belongs to the children, and although it was begun as an experiment, it is now a well-established summer event.

Puppetry is of continual interest to children and adults. Many groups construct their own puppets while others are supplied with sets made at the Drama Center. Quite often the shows given have to be repeated several times, as requests are made for them in different sections of the city.

DANCE

In Dance, the Singing Game and Simple Rhythms for the pre-school-age child is the first step. This is followed by Folk and Square Dancing for all ages, i.e., boys and girls, teen-agers, and adults. A study of the Classic Dance is offered for those with sufficient desire for serious study.

Two thousand children enjoyed singing games at the annual city-wide Joseph Lee Program held at North Beach.

All ages participated in Folk and Square Dancing in the annual carnival at Sigmund Stern Grove. The cast of 1,050 people from recreation units combined to produce a beautiful pageant of color and movement. The audience has increased to such proportions that the participants have difficulty in having their entrances and exits

kept clear for use. The official count was 12,735. The Junior and Senior Classic Dance Groups contribute to the highlights of this program.

Folk Dance Classes for playground directors, where they may learn the dances which they in turn teach on the playgrounds, is another service of this department. A Play Library and Folk Dance files are maintained for the use of playground directors.

It was most unfortunate that the annual Christmas Pageant in the Opera House was not held this year because of lack of sufficient funds. This program has held a special appeal for the people of San Francisco, and participants consisted of all ages from all sections of the city. The Spirit of Christmas was kept alive thru the medium of dancing, singing and the Nativity tableaux. In order to make some compensation for not having the annual program, the various playground units were encouraged to concentrate on individual Christmas programs. The annual Christmas Program at the Opera house, like the annual Carnival at the Sigmund Stern Grove, is sponsored about for months afterward as one of the highlights of the year. Parents are delighted to see their children receive such valuable training which, in most cases, would not be possible if it were not for the interest of the Recreation Department in helping to develop better citizens through the proper channels of education through play.

There are many special programs during the year other than the city-wide programs. There is an annual Easter Program at the Hunters Point Navy Yard. There are Valentine, Easter, May Day, Josephine Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Programs on individual units. The Adult Folk Dance Groups combine for their special programs.

COSTUMING

Over 3,000 costumes were used during the past year. 409 new costumes were made, 430 were entirely remodeled, and 87 altered.

DRAMA AND DANCE REPORT

Total attendance figures for the fiscal year 1948-1949 are as follows:

Stories	21,726
Drama	13,930
Puppets	3,532
Dance	49,932
Programs and Special Events -		
Stories, Drama, Puppets	52,527
Programs and Special Events - Dance	<u>35,035</u>
	<u>Grand Total</u>	176,682

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"The Kingdom of the Seasons" 1948 Easter Play given at Michelangelo Playground.

MUSIC, DRAMA AND DANCE REVIEW OF 1948 ACTIVITIES

To dance and sing and to play "make-believe"—this is indeed the heritage of childhood. And these are the joys later cherished as treasured memories in the heart of the adult.

On the playground a special effort is made to reach the small child who is given an early introduction to the rhythm band, simple songs, rhythmic and singing games, the story hour and story plays. Broad in scope, the program permits the child to choose one or all of the activities to participate in—as he pleases.

For older groups, folk and ballet dancing, glee clubs, a symphony orchestra, storytelling and dramatics are offered.

The digest below will acquaint the reader with the music, drama and dance activities conducted by the Recreation Department to meet the needs of all age groups—men and women as well as boys

and girls, together with some of the outstanding events for these groups during 1948.

Very nearly every unit in the Recreation Department conducts some form of music, dramatics and dancing. Wherever facilities permit (where there is a room of sufficient size and a piano or a public address system) folk dancing, music, and formal drama groups are conducted. However, the more informal type of dramatics, such as storytelling and story play, and the first step in the dance program, which is the singing game, can be conducted on any unit as these activities are not dependent upon facilities and can be held out of doors without properties of any kind.

Twelve pianists go from playground to playground five days a week to conduct the music groups and to furnish a background for the folk dancing, also to play for special programs given from time to time.

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RHYTHM BAND

The Rhythm Band is very popular with children. It is an entertaining way of developing the fundamental element of music. Clapping and marching to music also are used for the same purpose. The Band makes use of such instruments as triangles, bells, cymbals, gongs, drums, tambourines, wood blocks, bird whistles, rhythm sticks, and xylophones, all of which the small child can handle readily. Nursery Rhymes are played by the little tots; older groups play "Andante" by Haydn, "Happy Farmer" Schumann, "Turkish March" Mozart, "Minuet" Beethoven, as well as several good marches. The music for each piece is written on a large wall score.

SINGING

It is fitting that at an early age children should be brought into contact with the beauty of music through singing as this is a natural expression for them. The little children under four do Nursery Rhymes and other little songs such as "Mind Your Mother", "The Animals Wake Up", "The Telephone", and so on. The older children have a background of folk songs of all countries, including, of course, our own. Sometimes just for fun, they enjoy doing action songs and rounds.

The Girls' Glee Club, composed of high school girls and young business women, meets once a week for part singing. Two other groups who meet regularly once a week are the Ambassadors, boys of North Beach, and the Hamilton singing group. All of the older groups have taken part in several Christmas performances and in the annual Carnival.

THE ORCHESTRA

The San Francisco Recreation Symphony Orchestra is truly a worth while contribution to the cultural life of the community. Under the able and inspired leadership of its twenty-two-year-old conductor, Earl Bernard Murray, the Orchestra provides the musical opportunity for 86 non-professional musicians to take part in the finest symphonic programs.

During 1948 three concerts were given at Everett Junior High School Auditorium, one at the Presidio YMCA, and one on the popular Midsummer Music Festival series. Music for the annual Carnival which preceded the concerts was also furnished by the Orchestra. See program announcement, page 3.

Three dance bands, composed of boys on the playgrounds, get together to practice every week to play for special dances throughout the year. These are Double Rock, Channel, and Hamilton Playgrounds.

DANCING

Singing games and simple rhythemics are the popular dance activities for very small children. On July 29 all the singing game groups met at North Beach Playground and danced in honor of Joseph Lee.

Among the 23 games played were Looby, Loo, Farmer in the Dell, Mulberry Bush, Go Walking Round the Valley, A-Hunting We Will Go, Did You Ever See a Lassie?, Thorn Rosa, Sally Go Round the Moon, The Swing, Hickory Dickory Dock and Miss Muffet.

For school-age boys and girls there is Folk Dancing. Teen-agers, too, enjoy Folk and Square

Dancing, as do the adults. Both groups attend at numerous units on the same nights. Glen Park is especially active with both beginners and advanced folk dancing weekly. Several times a year, all adult folk and square dance groups meet at Glen Park for a dance together, and once yearly a Dance Festival with dancers in costume is held there.

The Junior and Senior Dance Groups specialize in classic dancing for city-wide participation. Eligibility is determined by the applicant's ability to keep pace with the group and his willingness to put forth his best effort. Children must be nine years of age or over to become members of the Junior Dance Group. The Senior Dance Group is for girls of high school age or older. Both groups have earned a reputation for artistic performances at annual city-wide programs such as the Carnival held at Sigmund Stern Grove in June.

CARNIVAL

This is the annual event always held in June when dancers, singers, musicians, puppeteers, tumblers and clowns from playgrounds and centers meet for a big outdoor celebration. In a Carnival setting, folk dancers, large and small, in colorful costumes, dance on the green; and junior and senior ballet dancers in lovely pastels present their dainty choreography. An overture by the Recreation Symphony, songs by the glee clubs and the children's chorus, a tumbling routine, a number by thirteen playground rhythm bands, a Chinese lion's dance, a circus parade—these and other delightful numbers were on the program which has become traditional in San Francisco.

GOLDEN GATE STORY LEAGUE

The Golden Gate Story League, which the Recreation Department sponsors, is a very active group and aids the Department by providing volunteer storytellers for playground and special programs. Besides their playground work during 1948, members gave a story hour regularly for such units as the Convalescent Home at Laguna and Bay, the (See Page 3)

The Ric-Y-Tic Players in the "Dizzy Daze of the Nineties" at Funston—left to right, Art Chames, Carolyn Reiss, Lorin Paulsen, Gean Greer, Pat Paulsen, Karyl Friedhoffer, John Morand and Louise Kennington.



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Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, Stanford Hospital, the Detention Home at Laguna Honda, and during the summer at Boy and Girl Scout camps, church groups, St. Dorothy's Rest, and many others.

At the present time the League is doing considerable research on the history and folk lore of Italy. Each week a different storyteller will give the story hour at Cabrillo where for the next 12 weeks the playground is featuring the customs of Italy. During 1948 the League assisted in telling tales of Norway at Cabrillo.

Special programs of the League are their Summer Story Picnic for playground children at Sigmund Stern Grove and their Christmas Story celebration at the War Memorial Veterans' Building.

Instead of the usual meetings, in 1948 the League visited various groups such as the Catholic Youth Organization, the Jewish Community Center, the Booker T. Washington Center, and Presbyterian Church groups. The League celebrates its anniversaries among different nationality groups. Last year it was a dinner in Chinatown and this year plans are being made for a Japanese Sukiya dinner. The League also has a study group which meets regularly to learn more about the art of storytelling.

STORY PLAYS

Story plays are the outgrowth of the story hour for after a story is told, the children like to act it out in their own words. This provides an excellent medium for early dramatic expression. It is also amazing that rarely do any of the details of the story escape their memory.

STORY PLAY FESTIVAL

Annually a Story Play Day is given in August at Sigmund Stern Grove for participation of any playground which wishes to enter the contest as well as for those who wish to come merely as spectators. In 1948, 72 performers from 12 playgrounds competed in this event, while nearly 700 children made up a spellbound audience. No script or stage props were permitted. Cabrillo Playground won a plaque with their dramatization of "The Monkey and the Turtle" and Richmond came second with "Musicians from Bremen". Third prize winner was Ralph with "The Three Wishes." Certificates of award were presented second and third place winners as well as for the outstanding actor or actors in each presentation. Other children who took part were awarded certificates of participation.

PUPPETRY

Puppetry, both the construction as well as the manipulation, is an activity which never ceases to entertain children. It is conducted through the storytelling method: the story is told to the group; the group dramatizes the story; the dialogue and actions are then transferred to the puppets.

The Cabrillo puppeteers have been most generous in presenting puppet shows upon request. They recently gave a Norwegian puppet show, "The Squire's Bride." The Excelsior puppeteers produced "Rumpelstiltskin" for the Annual Carnival.

Whenever a playground gives a show, one of the eight portable puppet stages are sent out for the



(Left to right) Fred Muribus, Jr., Gordon Givan, Leo Ahramjian, Alexander Zuckermann, who will play violin concerto in concert February 23.

RECREATION SYMPHONY CONCERT

Featuring a concerto for four violins and a concerto for flute and orchestra, Earl Bernard Murray will present the San Francisco Recreation Symphony Orchestra in concert on Wednesday, February 23, 8:15 P.M. at the Everett Junior High School Auditorium, 16th & Church Sts. The public is cordially invited. There is no admission charge.

Below is the program:

Dic Meistersinger Prelude	Wagner
Concerto for Flute and Orchestra	Mozart
LLOYD GOWEN, Soloist	
Symphonic Suite, from Boris Godunov..	Musorgsky

INTERMISSION

Sea songs	Vaughn Williams
Concerto for Four Violins	Telemann
FRED MURIBUS, JR. GORDON GIVAN	
LEO AHRAMJIAN ALEXANDER ZUCKERMANN	
Two Hungarian Dances	Brahms
L'Arlesienne Suite	Bizet

occasion. Of these, four stages are equipped with border and foot lights. Stage scenes, too, are part of the equipment. In practicing for shows, the children put curtains, doors and even the piano to use.

Bob Ribeiro, fourteen-year-old boy at Portola Playground, has made marionettes his hobby. He makes his own dolls, dresses them, and gives shows for which he uses recordings. Stage and props are made by him also.

DRAMATICS

Among the more formal drama groups, Hamilton Teen-age Center is outstanding. In 1948 this group produced F. Hugh Herbert's three-act play, "Kiss and Tell" with two performances at Girls' High School Auditorium. For the playground's Christmas celebration, the teen-agers gave the play, "Why the Chimes Rang." The group has done such fine work, the Ellis Street Theatre gave publicity for the event.

The Ric-Y-Tic Players, the new adult drama group at Funston, gave their first performance with two shows of a "Gay Nineties Review", at the club

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house in November. Two one-act plays were given on June 3 at Lafayette School Auditorium by the junior and senior teen-age drama groups of Cabrillo Playgroun—"Pink and Patches" by the juniors, and "A Gentleman in the Making" by the seniors.

Other units, too, gave programs with plays, skits, and impromptu talent.

PROGRAMS AND PARTIES

Programs, parties, the annual Carnival, all keep the Costume Department busy making new costumes and renovating the old ones. During 1948, a total of 2,366 costumes were used.

Playground parties provide ample opportunity for music, dance and drama groups to participate. Celebrations for such events as Valentine's Day, Washington's Birthday, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, May Day, Mother's Day, Joseph Lee Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and birthdays are held throughout the year. The children also took part in many off-playground programs including those for orphans, women's clubs, mothers' clubs, YMCA, PTA, the Naval Dock at Hunters Point, Veterans' hospitals, the Presidio.

UNESCO PLAYGROUND ACTIVITIES

In the Fall a new program started at Cabrillo Playgroun where for several months the children concentrated on the songs, dances, games and handicraft of Norway, with the highlight of the event being a Norwegian Festival in January.

Considerable research went into the project to provide Norwegian songs, singing games, folk dances and stories as well as drawings for the children to color. Woodburning craft included Viking ships and Norwegian flags. The puppeteers learned a Norwegian folk tale which they dramatized in a puppet play.

After the Festival, the Norwegian program began at Candlestick Cove, and Cabrillo youngsters will take up the customs of Italy. As research and material become available, the plan will be extended to include other playgrounds.

While affording excellent leisure time activities for playground children, this project will promote a better understanding of the people and customs of other countries as well as encourage the ideals of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

PERSONNEL

As of March 1, all hourly directors will work from 3:00 to 6:00 on school days, and from 9:30 to 5:30 on Saturdays.

1948 Reviews of various activities in previous Bulletins did not allow space for inclusion of personnel news. The following is a belated attempt to bring these up to date.

Condolences to CHARLES HANLY, gardener at Chinese, whose brother passed away on January 11.

Best wishes for happiness to AL HAGEDORN, carpenter, who married Miss Wald in Watsonville on January 15. The couple flew to Nevada and back on their honeymoon.

During December, RAYMOND KIMBELL, Assistant Superintendent, and EDWARD McDEVITT, Secretary to the Commission, were on military leave.

"INDUSTRIALS" PLAN SNOW TRIP

A limited number of accommodations are now open for the annual Industrial Division snow trip to Truckee over the weekend of February 25. Also offered to employees of member firms and their friends is a side trip to Reno, the Biggest Little City in the World.

Making up the Snowball Special will be day coaches, sleepers, a recreation car, an observation car, and a ski hut baggage car for the storage of sports equipment. All types of snow game apparatus may be rented from the ski hut car although ski enthusiasts may take their own skis. These skiers are asked to put their names and addresses on their equipment.

During the stay in Truckee the train will be open and available for occupancy at all times. A dance is scheduled for Saturday night in Truckee. Skiing facilities at Hill Top Lodge may be used at all hours.

Included in the all-expense tour are transportation, tourist sleeping accommodations, four meals and the use of cars in Truckee for recreation and dancing.

Leaving San Francisco at 10:00 P.M. on February 25, the group will arrive in Truckee at 7:00 A.M. February 26. On the return trip, the train will leave Truckee at 2:30 P.M. February 27 to arrive in San Francisco at 10:50 P.M. on the same day.

On February 26 chartered Greyhound buses will be available for an evening trip to Reno. This trip is a side event not included in the all-expense tour. Two schedules have been arranged to allow the travellers to spend an evening in Reno.

For additional information, interested parties may contact either James Lang or Rose Fogarty at 1625 Market Street (HEmlock 1-2121, Local 552 for Mr. Lang, and Local 369 for Mrs. Fogarty) or Thomas F. Norman, 89 Market St., DO 2-1212, Local 22824.

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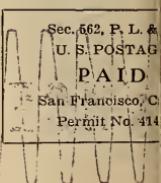
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Playground children enjoying a watermelon feast at Sigmund Stern Grove.

WHAT'S DOING AT STERN GROVE IN THE OFF SEASON

The conclusion of the summer concert season at Sigmund Stern Grove does not mean a cessation of activities for there are always interesting affairs taking place here summer and winter alike.

All manner of events are on the calendar from wiener roasts and dances to school commencement exercises and farewell parties, some of which take place in the colorful outdoors and others in the clubhouse. This old, picturesque building is well fitted to accommodate these parties for there are built-in tables, a piano, cheery fireplace, dance floor, and well equipped kitchen.

Hardly a day passes without some social function in the clubhouse with groups from playgrounds and centers, churches and schools, hospitals, Campfire Girls, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Y.W.C.A., Y.M.C.A., Y.M.I., Y.L.I., S. F. City College, S. F. State College, Salvation Army, and many others.

Industrial and Recreation tournament awards are frequently presented at supper followed by a social evening for those who participated in competition.

Annual city-wide events for children are given here including the story play festival and contest, and the storytelling program, to which children come from all parts of the city.

Picnickers find the Grove an ideal spot for there are five outdoor grills and two campfire pits, with picnic tables. A large meadow area accommodates those who may wish to play baseball, softball or other games.

On the upper level on the 19th Avenue side of Stern Grove are the beautiful lawn bowling greens where it is now being planned to build a small clubhouse to accommodate the bowlers.

Two golf putting greens, eight horseshoe courts and two tennis courts are on the Sloat Boulevard side, and two croquet courts on Wawona.

For junior there is a children's play apparatus
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Above, the former Trocadero, famed restaurant of the days of old, now the Sigmund Stern Grove clubhouse where groups of young people gather for social functions. Close by are barbecue pits, the scene of many delightful outdoor picnics.

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section with slides, bars and rings, and a sandbox area, also on the upper level.

PINE LAKE DEVELOPMENT

At its August 15 meeting, the Recreation Commission received the generous gift of a \$15,000.00 check from Mrs. Sigmund Stern to cover the acquisition of additional property required to safeguard the beauty and function of Sigmund Stern Grove. Mrs. Stern was the donor in 1931 of the original Trocadero property to the city for recreation purposes, and since then has made several other gifts to assist in the purchase of additional Grove property.

The acquisition of the Crestlake Drive property by her latest gift now makes available the Pine Lake area. The possibility of development here is limitless and the Recreation Department is planning to develop this section so that city children may have an over-night camping area and picnic grounds of their own where model boating and swimming may be enjoyed.

Included in the recent Recreation Bond Fund are provisions for the lake area expansion as well as for a new stage and outdoor development for the summer concerts.

It will no doubt be of interest to our readers to know that about four acres of the Grove are devoted to a department nursery where trees and shrubs are grown for use throughout the city's playgrounds.

TEEN-AGE NOTES

The Autumn Informal Dance to be held at Aquatic Park on the evening of Saturday, September 25, is the high light of the year, as announced by the Inter-Center Council which represents the various teen-age centers.

The affair will begin at 9:00 o'clock, with Mardy Leaver's Orchestra to provide dance music until midnight. Refreshments, of course, will be served.

All playground teen-age groups have been invited to attend this social function for young people.

POLY DANCES RESUME

Friday nights Polytechnic High School Gymnasium will be filled with excitement again as members of the dance group hold regular teen-age dances.

After the long summer months in which dances could not be held, the group held its initial event on September 17.

These affairs were one of the most popular activities last year as an overwhelming crowd of boys and girls took advantage of the fun afforded by the Recreation Department. Attendance this year is expected to top that of last year.

BOXING EVENT AT BAY VIEW

A teen-age boxing night on September 29 will be held at Bay View Teen-age Center, 4705-3rd Street, when exhibition boxing will be featured.

The man who has never identified himself with a great cause or a great movement has missed the whole point of living.—Anonymous.

STORYBOOK PLAY DAY

Seventy-two performers from twelve playgrounds participated in the annual storybook play day held August 25 at Sigmund Stern Grove. More than 660 youngsters witnessed these informal plays for which no props, costumes, or script were allowed.

"The Monkey and Turtle," as characterized by Cabrillo's top team of Myron Zimmerman and Eddie Lane, proved worthy of top honors. Second place was won by Richmond Playground when they presented "Musicians from Bremen." "Musicians" included Carol Klist, Rosanne Chervin, Michael Zeller, Carole Lutticken, Bunny Dowell, and Jean Powers.

Rolph Playground players, Marilyn Van Arsdell, Chris Sullivan, Sharon Sailors, Lanny Sailors, presented third prize winner, "Three Wishes."

To further dramatic talents among participants, the judging committee of Mrs. Mignon Dahl, Mrs. Mary Allio, and Miss Gertrude Freese selected an outstanding actor or actress from each presentation. Among the many winners are Angela Detoli, who characterized King Midas of the same play, Guam Village group; Maureen McGuire, the bad fairy in "Sleeping Beauty," Argonne; George di Quarutto, the wolf in "Little Red Riding Hood," North Beach; Bootsie Freenan, the witch in "Hansel and Gretel," Double Rock; Leonard Pera, title role in "Little Black Sambo," Funston; Bobbie Jean Jackson, the mother in "Raggy Lug," Channel; Carole Price, tiger in "Terrible Tiger," Middle Point; Michelangelo's all-boy cast who presented "Knee High Man," and Jackson's "Golden Goose" cast.

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MUNICIPAL TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Four age divisions in the Municipal Federation boys' and girls' table tennis tournament is now open for entries. Midget, children 9 years old; Junior, 12 years; Intermediate, 14 years, and senior, 17 year age group will begin play in the inter-center and agency tournament on Saturday, November 27.

Ages in reference to classes will be computed as of January 1 of the current year. Any boy or girl attending playgrounds or agencies which follow the Municipal Federation plan is eligible to compete in this tournament. Entries are due at the Athletic Office, 1625 Market Street, not later than October 25.

Playground or agency winners will compete for their respective groups beginning play on October 26. These winners will then meet members of other groups for the City championship.

A two-out-of-three game series (21 points completes a game) shall determine the victors in each match, with the exception of the Final game in Boys' Senior Class, where a best three-out-of-five games standard will be based.

Medals will be awarded to City Champions and also to the runners-up in each division.

Cabillo was presented a trophy for achieving first place. Groups placing second and third received certificate of outstanding merit. Other children who took part in this activity were awarded with certificates of participation.

At the concert of operatic arias and selections at Sigmund Stern Grove on August 29. In the center are Mrs. Sigmund Stern, Recreation Commissioner, and Conductor Gaetano Merola; and at the ends, from left to right, are the four soloists: Paul Walti, Dorothy Warenskjold, Claramae Turner, Desire Ligeti. The series of 15 Sunday Grove performances of symphonies, operas and ballet programs was concluded on September 19 when the Players Club Light Opera Guild gave Gilbert & Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore."





Third baseman John Farcich, Mission Playground, prevents James Samson, Father Crowley, from reaching third base, in a senior playground league game.

SUMMER VACATION BASEBALL

In the Summer Vacation Baseball League, as conducted by the Municipal Athletic Federation of the Recreation Department, CYO squad defeated Portola, 8-3, on September 3 for the Junior Division Championship in the last of the league's series.

With superb pitching by Dan Peñaflor, who is credited with a no-hit, no-run game, Glen Park overwhelmed its opponents to take the Senior gold medals from Father Crowley's top-rate nine.

The intermediate crown wearer is Big Rec after they downed Funston squad on August 27.

Gaines began on June 26 with contests scheduled at the many playground diamonds. Senior and intermediate divisions played on Saturdays; juniors, Wednesdays. For the final championship matches, Funston Playground was set aside for the site of games to accommodate faithful team rooters.

INDUSTRIAL WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The recreation and industrial division women's volleyball tournaments will begin the week of September 27. Games will be played at Everett Junior High School Gym, 16th and Church Streets.

Official Women Volleyball rules for 1947-49, as published for the National Section of Women's Athletics of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation will govern play in all games.

Teams are to be composed of no more than six players. Winning squads at the end of the season will be presented with awards.

CITY COLLEGE COURSES

City College of San Francisco will offer many courses for individuals interested in working with youth groups.

Courses include Arts and Crafts, Social Recreation and Dramatics for Youth Groups. There is no tuition fee for these courses.

Application should be made at once, as registration begins September 20. For further information call Ju. 7-7272.

SPECIAL ATHLETIC EVENTS TOUCH TACKLE

S.F. Municipal Federation Six-Man League, 90, 100, 110, 120, 130 pound exponent divisions, September 25, 10:30, 11:30, 1:25, James Rolph, Jr. Playground, Potrero & Army; Funston, Chestnut and Buchanan; M. S. Hayward, Golden Gate and Gough; Excelsior, Russia and Madrid; Angelo J. Rossi, Arguello and Edward; Glen Park, Chenery & Elk; Portola, Felton and Holyoke.

BASKETBALL

Industrial Basketball League, Kezar Pavilion, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, September 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.

SOFTBALL

S. F. Postoffice League, Sept. 20, 21, 22, 6:30, 8:00 P.M., M. S. Hayward Playground, Golden Gate and Gough.

S. F. City Employees League, 8:30 P.M., Sept. 20, M. S. Hayward; Sept. 22, James Rolph, Jr.; Sept. 21, James Rolph, Jr., and M. S. Hayward.

BASEBALL

Night League, Classes AA & A, Sept. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 6:00, 8:00 P.M., Funston Playground, Chestnut & Buchanan.

Independent Games, Sept. 26, 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, Father Crowley Playground, 7th & Harrison; Funston, Chestnut & Buchanan; Jackson, 17th & Carolina; Bay View, 3rd & Armstrong; Glen Park, Chenery & Elk; Potrero Hill, 22nd & Arkansas; Ocean View, Plymouth & Lobos; Angelo J. Rossi, Arguello & Edward; James Rolph, Jr., Potrero & Army; Portola, Felton & Holyoke.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Frank Foehr, Supervisor of Grounds, will attend the Thirtieth National Recreation Congress at Omaha, Nebraska, on September 26, and continue eastward to confer with recreation officials and inspect recreation facilities in New York, Washington, D. C., and other cities en route for the purpose of obtaining information on landscape and maintenance operations that will be of value in the execution of San Francisco's expansion of recreation facilities.

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It has been said, "The nation with a love of music and an appreciation of it, possesses the greatest resource for happy and wholesome living." The future "nation" is in our playgrounds today.

During the past year, the Music Department has conducted a program of musical activities, including all classes and all ages, and served as a source of pleasure, inspiration and recreation to those who participated.

As is usually the case, singing tops the list in attendance. 1,866 children attended the singing groups which are conducted weekly on the playgrounds. 12 pianists conduct these classes, and also play for the folk dance classes and the many programs that occur during the year. There are groups for little children, older children, and seniors, also girls' glee club, boy singing groups, others' clubs, quartets, adult choral, and community sings. Good folk music is used as well as light opera, and the better-type popular song, according to the needs of the singers.

The Rhythm Band or Toy Symphony is just as popular as ever with the little children from the ages of four to twelve. They begin by doing little rhythms, and progress to reading the charts we use. This is splendid training in rhythm while having fun at the same time. The children love to perform on all the programs given, which is the object of music, i.e., self expression. The attendance has increased over last year, being 21,538 this year.

The Recreation Symphony Orchestra has done splendid work this year, and reflects credit on the Recreation Department. The director has worked hard and has produced a fine orchestra which provides a wonderful chance for young musicians. The personnel has increased, using 126 musicians at some of the concerts. Several programs have been given at Everett Jr. High School and the Presidio YMCA. Also, a concert was played at Sigmund Stern Grove, where only the best performers were used. The orchestra provides the music for the two big annual programs given by the Recreation Department, i.e., the Carnival at Sigmund Stern Grove in June, and the Christmas Pageant" in the Opera House, in December. (This last program was not given this past year.) Both children and parents look forward to these programs, and have great pride and joy in taking part.

Programs and Special Events

156 programs have been given during the year in which children have taken part. All the special days, such as Halloween, Valentine's Day, Washington's Birthday, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving, and May Day, bring forth programs.

Programs were given at PTA meetings, Women's Clubs, YMCA, Orchestral Concerts, etc. At the Joseph Lee Day program, the 2,000 children there joined in community singing of patriotic songs.

Total Attendance Record for 1948-1949

Singing Groups	37,923
Rhythm Band	25,700
Orchestra	4,192
Programs and Special Events	<u>45,895</u>
	113,710

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ANNUAL RECREATION CARNIVAL IS OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

A program in which performers and audience alike expressed the opinion it was the best ever, the annual Carnival was given in Sigmund Stern Grove on June 12 to a large, appreciative audience.

The participants, in colorful costumes against a Carnival setting and a merry-go-round, the lawn for a stage, the unsurpassed outdoor beauty of the Grove with its tall eucalyptus and fruit trees, the shrubs and flowers, the sun's warm rays, and a pat performance that clicked just right—everything conspired to make the Carnival at the Grove a day of beauty and inspiration.

The masterful playing of the Recreation Symphony Orchestra under its director, Earl Bernard Murray, was enjoyed in Aubert's "Le Lac Des Fees" as the opening number and in their accompaniment throughout the program.

The Toy Soldier Rhythm Band of over 150 small children paraded out in military manner and played a Sousa March in their best style.

The Senior Ballet in graceful choreography did a lovely Strauss waltztime number and a Carnival Ballet. The Junior Ballerinas did a very nice ballet,

too. The candy stick wind was effectively done by Candlestick's dancers. A traditional Chinese lion dance was well performed by Chinese Play-ground children. In a gay peasant frolic 150 youngsters gave a delightful dance.

The beautiful grand finale of village folk dances was done by adult groups from Funston, Glen Park, Miraloma, North Beach, Polytechnic, Portola and St. Mary's.

Songsters of all ages lifted their voices in delightful refrain: the village peasants in folk tunes; toy soldiers and teddy bears; the four Caballeros, young men who sang comic songs; and the Troubadors made up of the Girls' Glee Club and the North Beach Ambassadors, a young adult group.

Specialty numbers were the Bull and the Matador, the tumbling clowns, the Bunnies and the Cats, and a huge Circus Parade with animals of all kinds, and clowns, a strong man, an organ grinder, and a puppet show to entertain. Six small bunnies got stagefright and refused to go on; but another six bunnies went on and enjoyed the experience so much they refused to leave.

To be commended for this fine performance are Miss Lydia Patzelt, Supervisor of Drama and
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INDUSTRIAL DIVISION STARTS NEW ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

On July 1 the Industrial Division begins a new year, its fifteenth under the supervision of the San Francisco Recreation Department.

At the annual representatives' dinner, held at the Railway Club Restaurant on June 13, new officers were elected. This group of officials, along with eleven members of the representing firms and two supervisors of the Recreation Department, make up the board of directors who will lead the program of this Division which in the years just concluded counted over eighty organizations as members.

Beginning July 1 the following persons will hold office: John Dockrell, Zellerbach Paper Company, president; James Bailey, Kraft Foods Company, vice-president; Georgia Thomas, Premier Insurance Company, secretary; Charles Butler, Bank of California, treasurer. Board members are Jack Sindall, Standard Oil; Pat Callan, Hibernia Savings and Loan; Al Cassinelli, Bank of America; Mary Merschen, Fireman's Fund; Marjorie Bryson, Travellers Insurance; Joseph Grosse, Purity Food Stores; Art Stopper, Phil Lynch Company; Bob Beeton, Hills Brothers; Ben Fauche, Metro Life; Alfred Janssens, San Francisco Naval Shipyards, and Marshall Kuhn, California Physicians' Service; and Mr. James Lang, Supervisor of Athletics, and Mrs. Rose Fogarty, Supervisor of Women's Athletics, of the Recreation Department.

With the idea in mind of increased participation in sports, the Industrial Division's new sports calendar has been prepared and is now available for all member firms. Activities are tentatively planned and will function only if enough groups enter the various events.

The 1949-1950 Industrial calendar is as follows:

PLAY STARTS	ACTIVITY	ENTRY DUE
Aug. 20	Golf (Fall) men & women	Aug. 6
Aug. 27-28	Horse-shoes	Aug. 20
Sept. 12	Rifle	Sept. 3
Sept. 17	Tennis (Fall) men & women	Sept. 6
Sept. 19	Basketball—men	Sept. 10
Sept. 19	Bowling—men & women	Sept. 10
Sept. 23	Swimming—men & women	Sept. 17
Oct. 3	Volleyball—women	Sept. 19
Oct. 10	Table tennis—men & women	Oct. 1
Feb. 4-5	Snow-trip	Jan. 23
Feb. 13	Basketball—women	Jan. 30
Mar. 13	Volleyball—men	Mar. 3
Mar. 20	Table tennis (Spring) Men & women	Mar. 13
Mar. 25	Baseball—men	Mar. 11
Mar. 25-26	Tennis (Spring) Men & women	Mar. 11
April 22-23	Golf (Spring) men & women	Apr. 8
April 24	Badminton—men & women	Apr. 15
May 15	Mixed Bowling	May 1
May 22	Softball—men & women	May 8
June 12	Mixed Volleyball	May 29
June 30	Vacation Tour	June 1

RECREATION OFFICES MOVE TO CIVIC AUDITORIUM

Friday, June 24, was a busy day for the Business Department at 284 City Hall and for the Supervising directors and the Athletic, Music and Dance Departments at 1625 Market Street. Everyone was packing for removal to our new location on the third floor, Civic Auditorium, 61 Grove Street.

These former Red Cross quarters are now the home of the Recreation Department and house the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Commission Secretary, the Business, Engineering and Maintenance Department, the Camp Mather office, Supervising Directors; and are the headquarters for athletics, dancing, drama, music, and visual recreation.

This central unit will do much to increase the general efficiency of the Department's operations.

NEW GROVE CALENDAR

At this writing it would appear that falling trees will have been removed at Sigmund Stern Grove in time to resume the concert series on Sunday, July 17. Due to the unforeseen closing of the Grove for three weeks, it has been necessary to alter the calendar of events considerably. Below is the new schedule which, of course, is subject to change:

July 17, Orchestral Concert, members of San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, Walter Herbert, Conductor. Lucine Amara, Soprano Soloist.

July 24, Lola Montes Dancers in Spanish Dance Fiesta.

July 31, Christensen Ballet, Willam Christensen, Artistic Director.

August 7, "La Traviata", Opera by Verdi, Arturo Casiglia, Director.

August 14, "Geisha"; Light Opera by Sidney Jones, Reginald Travers, Director.

August 21, Orchestral Concert, Members of San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, Julius Haug, Conductor; Alexander Loshkareff, Bass Soloist.

August 28, "Barber of Seville", Opera by Rossini; Arturo Casiglia, Director.

September 4, Christensen Ballet, Willam Christensen, Artistic Director.

September 11, "Robin Hood", Opera by De Koven; Reginald Travers, Director.

September 18, Operatic Concert, Members of San Francisco Symphony Orchestra; Gaetano Merola, Conductor.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE STARTS

According to ability and experience of players, teams will be classified into divisions in City-Wide Softball League, which is due to begin on July 5. All registered amateur softball teams are eligible to participate.

Games in "A", "B", "C", and "D" divisions will be played on Mondays through Fridays at 6:00 P.M. Playground diamonds at Margaret S. Hayward, Golden Gate Avenue & Gough Street and James Rolph, Army and Potrero Streets, will be used for these matches.

Each team will be allowed to sign fifteen players and, in turn, these players can sign with only one team, regardless of team classification.

Suitable awards are to be presented to winners and runners-up in each division.

Wisdom must have in it knowledge, experience and judgment.—HOYT M. DOBBS.



Ballet daneers, some poodle dogs and a Chinese Dragon—several of the scenes snapped at the Recreation Department's annual Carnival program on June 12 in Sigmund Stern Grove. A cast of 1000 dancers, songsters, musicians, puppeteers and others took part.

DISTRICT PROGRAM—SECOND WEEK

Trips to scenic points of interest, picnics and rollerskating events have been scheduled this week for participation by children of all districts.

For children in Districts I and II (Chinatown-Polk-Ellis) an opportunity to see the behind-the-scenes of shipbuilding can be had on July 6 when they visit Hunters Point Naval Shipyards. The tour begins at 1:00 P.M. Youngsters will see how ships are built and will witness the largest crane in the world in action.

July 7 will be the first day for District III's events. This district covers the Mission-Noe Valley area. Groups will gather at 10:30 A.M. at the children's playground in Golden Gate Park where boys and girls may play and picnic.

At Skateland District IV's enthusiastic roller skaters, beginning, intermediate and advanced performers, will skate or make an attempt at it on July 7. District IV covers South of Market-Potrero and Bay View neighborhoods.

Outer Mission (District V) units will come together for their first gathering at Flood Park, July 7, for a picnic. Youngsters planning to participate in the outing should take along their lunches, swimming suits, money for earfare and swimming.

A visit to Fleishhacker Zoo on July 6 is scheduled for Sunset-Taraval-Ingleside (District VI).

On July 7 children from District VII (Richmond) will have a day of fun at Golden Gate Park. There will be softball and other games for sports fans. A speial tour through Golden Gate Park via the elephant train is also planned.

Arranged for District VIII (Marina-North Beach) on the same day at the Park is a visit to the Aquarium and the Museum.

For the enjoyment of Housing Center youngsters, a rollerskating party at Skateland at the Beach is on the calendar for July 6.

RECREATION CARNIVAL

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Dance, who was artistic director for the event; Mrs. Margaret Cosmey, in charge of music direction; Mr. Earl Bernard Murray, conductor of the Recreation Symphony Orchestra; Mrs. Mignon Dahl, assistant to Miss Patzelt in the multitudinous details required in the costume department; and Mr. William G. Merchant for his unique Carnival setting; as well as the supervising and playground directors. To the latter fell the work of organizing and training their most capable groups for the event.

And so another Carnival came and went, and in its path follow the Grove's Sunday afternoon concerts.

PERSONNEL

Attention of directors is called to the fact that the twelfth annual observance of Joseph Lee Week will fall during the period July 24 through 31st. It is not too early to give consideration to the subjects of the life of Joseph Lee and program planning. The Reference Room of the Main Library has a wealth of information in this regard.

Further notice will appear in the Bulletin.

Sincere condolence is extended to WILLIAM McNULTY, whose stepfather passed away June 9. Mr. McNulty is a Housing center director.

CITY EMPLOYEES' SOFTBALL

The Park Department and the Bureau of Engineers with records of five wins and one loss ended on top in the City Employees' Softball League which was completed in early June. The "A" division "A" title will be presented to the Park team while the Engineers will be the recipients of Class "B" trophy.

Complete standings are:

Class A	WON	LOST
Park Department	5	1
Juvenile Court	3	3
Municipal Garage	2	4
Municipal Railway	2	4

Class B	WON	LOST
Bureau of Engineers	5	1
Controllers	3	3
Tax Collectors	3	3
Assessors	1	5

INDUSTRIAL BASKETBALL TOURNEY

Basketball teams who are planning to enter the Men's Industrial League scheduled for early September should sign up immediately for practice meetings.

In affording opportunities for teams to improve their game technique and play at these sessions, a limited number of junior high school gymnasiums will be available for evening practice. Only applications made in person at the new Recreation Offices at the Civic Auditorium, 61 Grove Street, will be considered. These will be filled in the order that they are received.

For these one hour periods at either 7:00 or 8:00 P.M. on any one weekday night, gym space will be assigned to any eligible member firm. This one chosen period should be held during the entire practice session which will extend, approximately, until the opening of regular tournament play.

MIXED VOLLYBALL POSTPONED

Because of the Spring Carnival rehearsals which were scheduled for June 4, the Mixed Volleyball Play Day, slated for Mission Playground on that same day was postponed. The date to be held sometime in the fall will be set later.

MENTALLY HEALTHY PEOPLE

Mentally healthy people participate in some form of volitional activity to supplement their required daily work. This is not merely because they want something to do in their leisure time, for many persons with little leisure make time for play. Their satisfaction from these activities meets deep seated psychological demands, quite beyond the superficial rationalization of enjoyment. The choice of activity is modified by their method of living and experience. By comparison with two generations ago, there is today a greater need for recreative play. People now have little opportunity to express their aggressive needs, to pioneer, or to explore. Jobs, even though satisfying in most respects, provide a limited opportunity for spontaneous creativeness or a free choice of the type of activity.—William C. Menninger, M.D., in October, 1948, national "Recreation"

YOUNG ADULTS CLUB

The Fireside Lodge, a young adults' club which meets at Excelsior Center, is still buzzing with excitement, for two of their members Mary Brown and Gary Howard, were married in Reno on May 21.

The Fireside Lodge is a group which was organized recently after these young adults said how much they had missed their former teen-age career activities and that they were lonesome for the old gang.

SPECIAL ATHLETIC EVENTS

SOFTBALL

S. F. Softball League, 6:00—July 5, 6, 7, 8, Jackson, 17th & Carolina.

Women's League, July 4, 5, 6, 8:00, Funston, Chestnut & Webster.

American Legion League, July 10, 10:00, 12:00,

2:00 Margaret S. Hayward, Golden Gate & Gough.
P. G. & E. League, July 5, 5:30, Potrero Hill, 22nd & Arkansas.

Latter Day Saints League, July 9, 3:30, Margaret S. Hayward, Golden Gate & Gough.

BOWLING

Industrial Mixed League, July 4, 5, 6, 7, 7:00, Downtown Bowl, Eddy & Jones.

BASEBALL

American Legion League, July 9, 12:00, Father Crowley, 7th & Harrison; Funston, Chestnut & Webster.

Recreation Baseball, July 10, Class "AA", 12:00, 2:00, Funston, Chestnut & Webster; Classes "A" and "B", 10:00 A.M., Funston; Class "C", Father Crowley, 7th & Harrison; A. J. Rossi, Arguello & Edward. Independent Games, 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, Father Crowley; Bay View, 3rd & Armstrong; Ocean View, Plymouth & Lobos; Glen Park, Chenery & Elk; Potrero Hill, 22nd & Arkansas; Angelo J. Rossi; James Rolph, Jr., Potrero & Army; Portola, Felton & Holyoke.

Funston Night League, Classes "AA" and "A", July 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 7:15, Chestnut & Webster.

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Summertime in San Francisco finds concert-goers crowding the Sigmund Stern Grove amphitheatre upward to the wooded slopes. If you look closely among the trees in the picture you will observe many faces peering down on the scene below.

OPERATIC CONCERT AT STERN GROVE

A concert of famous operatic selections with Gaetano Merola conducting, and members of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, will be given on Sunday, August 29, 2:00 P.M., at Sigmund Stern Grove, 19th Avenue and Sloat Blvd., with the following outstanding soloists:

Aria from "Martha" Flotow
PAUL WALT

Aria from "Il Trovatore" Verdi
CLARAMAE TURNER

Duet from "Il Trovatore" Verdi
CLARAMAE TURNER, PAUL WALT

Aria from "Don Giovanni" Mozart
DESIRE LIGETI

Aria from "La Traviata" Verdi
DOROTHY WARENJKOLD

INTERMISSION

Dance and Duet from "Aida" Verdi

CLARAMAE TURNER, DOROTHY WARENJKOLD

Aria from "La Boheme" Puccini

PAUL WALT

Duet from "Don Giovanni" Mozart

DESIRE LIGETI, DOROTHY WARENJKOLD

Duet from "Carmen" Bizet

DOROTHY WARENJKOLD, PAUL WALT

Aria to be selected

CLARAMAE TURNER

Trio from "Faust" Gounod

DOROTHY WARENJKOLD, PAUL WALT, and

DESIRE LIGETI

Twelfth in the series of fifteen free Sunday programs offered by the Sigmund Stern Grove Music (Sec Page 3)

SAN FRANCISCO'S OBSERVANCE OF JOSEPH LEE WEEK

An Accounting of its Stewardship
By the Recreation Department

San Francisco's acceptance of the program for the 1948 Joseph Lee Week Observance, sponsored by the Recreation Department (July 25 through 31), was a tribute to the Father of American Recreation and testimony of growing community understanding of the principles of recreation. Its premise proved to be justified—that in the successful operation of any recreation program it is essential that the entire community be fully aware of the necessity for and value of recreation and its right leadership, trained to conduct its program, and of the dependence of the social well-being on the individual's morale.

Honorable Elmer E. Robinson, Mayor of San Francisco, proclaimed the period Joseph Lee Week, and named the following Honorary Citizens' Committee to serve with the Recreation Department in the furtherance of the program: Right Reverend Karl M. Block, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California; Reverend Bernard Lovgren, Dean of Grace Cathedral; Most Reverend James T. O'Dowd, Catholic Auxiliary Bishop; Reverend Hughbert H. Landram, Executive Secretary, S. F. Council of Churches; Reverend Reuben R. Rinder, Secretary, Northern California Board of Rabbis; Rabbi Elliot M. Burstein of Congregation Beth Israel; Mrs. George A. Hindley, President, S. F. Second District PTA; Mrs. George V. Kulchar, Chairman, Executive Board, S. F. Community Chest's Group Work and Recreation Council; Dr. Glen C. Sheldon, President, Central Council of Improvement Clubs; Mr. Harold B. Mills, Manager, Public Affairs Department, S. F. Chamber of Commerce; Mr. John Lindberg, Director of Community Services, S. F. CIO; Mr. Frank S. Fitzgerald, Director, Community Services Department, S. F. AF of L; Mr. Laurence Clarke, Librarian, S. F. Library Department; Mr. Karl Stull, President, Retail Dry Goods Association of San Francisco. Through the office of Miss Josephine D. Randall, Superintendent of Recreation, arrangements were made for the conduct of the city's program.

The message was spread throughout the community through the cooperation of:

Churches of San Francisco in church publications and pulpit address. The program, "Recreation in the Good Life", was nationally broadcast over Station KNBC on Saturday, July 31, 2:00 to 2:15 P. M. with speakers Rev. Eugene J. Shea, member of the Recreation Commission and Director of Catholic Youth Activities; Rabbi Elliot Burstein; Rev. Hughbert H. Landram; Very Reverend Bernard Lovgren.

Second District Parent-Teachers Association. Mrs. A. D. Houston, Recreation Chairman, brought word to the membership. In some units time was devoted to the study of the philosophy of Joseph Lee, as set forth in his book, "Play in Education."

Group Work and Recreation Council of the Community Chest. The Executive Board endorsed the program, offered their cooperation and made suggestions to delegates from the member agencies for carrying out plans according to the nature of

individual agency service.

The Central Council of Improvement Clubs gave notice of the observance to unit member clubs.

The S. F. Chamber of Commerce printed an announcement in its paper "Bay Region Business."

The S. F. Council, A.F. of L published the biography of Joseph Lee. Its Council of Delegates were addressed by Mr. Edwin T. Murphy, Supervising Director of the Department, each delegate returning the word to his union.

The S. F. Council, CIO, clarified the meaning to its members.

The radio program, "Recreation in the Life of Industry", broadcast over Station KYA on Thursday, July 29, 9:45 to 10:00 A. M., presented speakers: Mr. Raymond Kimbell, Assistant Superintendent, Recreation Department; Mr. Harold B. Mills, Mr. John Lindberg, Mr. Frank Fitzgerald.

The S. F. Library Department displayed the Mayor's proclamation and statement by Miss Randall inviting community participation, and a picture of Joseph Lee in the Main Library and in the 23 branches. In the Main Foyer were displayed the above and recreation material featuring flora, fauna and handicraft interests of the Junior Museum and Silver Tree Children's Day Camp, arranged through courtesy of Miss Natalie Mayo, Librarian, Children's Department.

Mrs. Henry Dippel, Recreation Commissioner, through her office as president of the **S. F. Federation of Women's Clubs** and as State Chairman of the **Native Daughters of the Golden West**, extended plans of participation to these organizations.

The Retail Dry Goods Association of S. F., through courtesy of Mr. Karl Stull, president, featured in window display by its 13 member stores, the Mayor's Proclamation, Miss Randall's statement and Mr. Lee's picture.

Daily and Neighborhood Newspapers and Special Publications gave generous space to editorials and news articles. **Public Service and Education Departments of Radio Stations** granted programs, as herein mentioned with spot announcements made over KFRC and KSAN throughout the week.

Within Department Observance

Responsibility for the conduct of the week's program in all activities on all units of the department was vested in the general staff of playground and center directors, supervisors of activities and supervising directors. Dedication of the following regularly scheduled activities and special events was made in honor of Joseph Lee: music, drama, athletics, social recreation, arts and crafts; including units: playgrounds, housing development centers, teen-age centers, pools, gymnasiums, Sigmund Stern Grove, Junior Museum, St. Francis Garden Club, Children's Day Camp and Camp Mather.

Highlight Events

Open house on all units on Friday, July 30, coordinated all neighborhood interest and welcomed visitors to special programs with recreational activities of wide diversity including the ceremony of tribute and rededication of the "Joseph Lee" space.

The Central Play Day on Thursday, July 29, at North Beach Playground attracted some 1700 junior boys and girls. Hikes, a bay cruise and

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YE TEEN AGERS

Regular Friday night jukebox dances will be held at Ocean View Teen Age Center, said Faye Logan, director.

There were bright smiles recently on the faces of many Hayes Valley Teensters. The reason? Well, firstly, members joined together for a swimming party at Crystal Plunge. Secondly, in a featured "Record Romp" boys and girls danced to music of many recordings, August 14. The third activity completing the round of events was roller-skating at the Ambassador skating rink, August 18. Now, isn't it reason enough for the glad smiles?

FOOTBALL SEASON ARRIVES

Hey, fellers, school is around the corner again. Ycs, along with school comes the ever lovable football season and the Municipal Federation Six Man Touch Tackle League and the Football Feature contest.

To start events rolling, a football contest featuring passing for distance, passing for accuracy, kicking for distance, and kicking for accuracy will be held on Saturday, September 18, 10:30 A. M. at James Rolph, Jr. Playground, Army and Potrero Streets.

Any boy under eighteen years of age may participate in 90, 100, 110, 120, 130 pound divisions in both events. September 11 is the deadline for entries. Each boy may enter no more than one division and can represent only one playground or agency although clubs or groups may enter as many teams as desired in each class.

In touch tackle football league twelve players may compose a team with six members taking part in games which are scheduled to begin on September 25.

Four quarter game with a fifteen minute rest period between halves will be played. A touchdown will count six points; safety, two; conversion, one. Point after touchdown may be made by passing or running the ball only.

For winning and runner-up squads standard playground medals will be awarded members.

VACATION'S BIG TIME

Storybook people will come to life and relate their tales to playground children among the many nooks of Sigmund Stern Grove at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 25, the date of the annual story play festival and contest.

Children will bring their lunches with wieners to roast over the outdoor grills. The program will start after lunch.

Playgrounds who do not wish to enter the story play contest are also invited to join the fun. A big time is anticipated as the children delight in making plays of their favorite stories and have no difficulty following the theme of the story in their own words. Results are frequently amazing.

This city-wide event will comprise the weekly special vacation outing in which the eight districts of the city as well as the Housing Centers will participate.

PERSONNEL

Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Edward McDevitt, upon the birth on August 9, of a nine-pound baby sister for little Ray, aged four.



Gaetano Merola, left, and Julius Haug, right, congratulate Earl Bernard Murray upon his fine work of conducting the San Francisco Recreation Symphony Orchestra at Sigmund Stern Grove on July 18. Both Mr. Merola and Mr. Haug were orchestral conductors at Grove programs.

Festival Association and sponsored by the Recreation Department, these performances have been enjoyed by many thousands of persons in the exceptionally beautiful setting of the Grove.

Operas, symphonies, Spanish dance and ballet programs have made up this year's calendar which has been most enthusiastically received.

The following events will complete the series this season, as well as the eleventh year that San Franciscans have been privileged to attend these cultural outdoor programs:

Sept. 5—Christensen Ballet, William Christensen, Director.

Sept. 12—Symphonic Concert—Members of San Francisco Symphony Orchestra; Gaetano Merola, Conductor.

Sept. 19—"Pinafore", opera by Gilbert and Sullivan, Reginald Travers, Director.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

With play slated to commence on September 13, the Thirteenth Annual Industrial Men's Basketball Tournament games will be held at Kezar Pavilion, Stanyan and Waller Streets. Games are scheduled at 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00 P.M.

To obtain gymnasium permit, squads planning to enter the tournament should apply now at the Athletic Division office, 1625 Market Street. Four divisions will comprise the league with members in each class participating in a round robin tournament. Winners and runners-up will meet in a two-out-of-three-game championship series for title honors. At the end of the tournament trophies will be presented to winning and runner-up teams. Members of the two top squads will receive individual awards.

JOSEPH LEE OBSERVANCE

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swimming were enjoyed.

The **Orchestral Concert** at 2:00 P. M. on Sunday, July 25, at Sigmund Stern Grove, by members of the S. F. Symphony Orchestra, directed by Julius Haug, was dedicated to the memory of Joseph Lee by program notice.

The **Golden Gate Story League Play Picnic** on Monday, July 26, 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Grove, honored Joseph Lee in its program of storytelling.

Swimming Pools. On Friday, July 30, at 2:00 P.M. at Mission Pool the program featured an aqua-cade, a water ballet and demonstration of swimming, diving and life-saving techniques. A program at the same time at Crystal Plunge featured dashes and novelty races for girls and boys.

Silver Tree Camp at Glen Park conducted a special ceremony at flag-raising each morning, a special games program 2:00 to 3:30 P.M. on Tuesday, July 27, and a campfire program for children and parents on Thursday, July 29.

On **Playgrounds and Centers** the broad base of the general program followed the pattern of balance and correlation of wide range of activities, all closely related to the themes, "Joseph Lee" and "Recreation."

From the many programs of outstanding merit the following are selected for mention, earned for thought in planning and success in execution:

JACKSON PLAYGROUND, E. Schröff and E. R. Kelly, directors, featured a celebration of interest to all ages, with a particularly fine opening address. A talent show concluded the program.

CHANNEL HOUSING RECREATION CENTER, Bernice Inmon, director, merged its Joseph Lee Week program with a celebration of the anniversary of the founding of the center. Features were a puppet show, a costume dance, a craft display, a tea sponsored by the Jolly Girls and Chums, and an Outdoor Carnival.

MIRALOMA SCHOOL PLAYGROUND, Helen Blount, director, dedicated to Joseph Lee the field the children helped to clear for use as a play field, and conducted a Carnival on it. The decorations were products of their handicraft. Neighborhood merchants donated prizes. The mothers, members of Miraloma PTA, cooperating in many ways, served refreshments. Committees of children acted as hosts and provided assistant leadership. Money collected will be spent for play material for the playground.

Radio programs were broadcast by these Department officials: Over Station KYA, Monday, July 26, from 9:45 to 10:00 A.M. with speakers: Miss Lydia Patzel, Supervisor of Drama and Dance; Mrs. Margaret Cosmey, Supervisor of Music; Mr. Tony Patch, Chairman, Supervising Directors. Over Station KFRC on Wednesday, July 28, during the "Emily Barton" period from 9:30 to 10:00 A.M., Mr. Tony Patch was interviewed. Over Station KJBS on Saturday, July 31, from 8:15 to 8:30 P.M., and by FM on Sunday, August 1, from 9:45 to 10:00 A.M. were heard Mr. Raymond Kimbell, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Rose Fogarty, Supervisor of Women's and Girls' Activities; and Mrs. Helen Center, Supervisor of

swimming. The regular Department Saturday storytelling period 8:45 to 9:00 A.M. of July 31 with Miss Julia Neil, storyteller, was devoted to the broadcast of a short biography of Joseph Lee and the telling of the story, "The Sunshine Fairy", written by Lee.

Acknowledgments. The above statement of the Recreation Department's discharge of its responsibilities as civic sponsor of San Francisco's 1948 Joseph Lee Week Observance reveals the fine spirit of community cooperation, general interest, the direction of all organization and group leaders, and all those who enjoy recreation. To these was the success of the program due, as well as to the excellent organization and planning of Miss Gertrude S. Freeze, director of Joseph Lee Week Observance.

SPECIAL ATHLETIC EVENTS

SOFTBALL

Playground Girls' League, at various playgrounds, August 27, 10:30 A.M.

S. F. Postoffice League, August 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 6:30 P.M., Jackson Playground, 17th & Carolina.

BASEBALL

Municipal Federation League, 10:00 and 12:00, **Junior Division**—Aug. 25 at following playgrounds: Father Crowley, 7th & Harrison; Bay View, 3rd & Armstrong; Ocean View, Plymouth & Lobos; Portola, Felton & Holyoke; James Rolph, Jr., Potrero & Army; Jackson, 17th & Carolina; Angelo J. Rossi, Arguello & Edward; Glen Park, Chenery & Elk; Funston, Chestnut & Buchanan.

Night League, Classes AA & A, Aug. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 6:00, 8:00 P.M., Funston Playground, Chestnut & Buchanan.

Independent Games, Aug. 29, 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, Father Crowley Playground, 7th & Harrison; Funston, Chestnut & Buchanan; Jackson, 17th & Carolina; Bay View, 3rd & Armstrong; Glen Park, Chenery & Elk; Potrero Hill, 22nd & Arkansas; Ocean View, Plymouth & Lobos; Angelo J. Rossi, Arguello & Edward; James Rolph, Jr., Potrero & Army; Portola, Felton & Holyoke.

BOWLING

Industrial Mixed Bowling League, Downtown Bowl, Eddy & Jones, 7:00 P.M., Aug. 23, 24, 25.

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PHOTOGRAPHY CENTER

Two years ago, after a diligent but unsuccessful search for a suitable appropriate site, the San Francisco Recreation Department opened its Photography Center in a portion of the old wooden school building, located on the corner of Seventh and Bryant Streets. For about five years the Center previously had been operated at 1254 Market Street, which was across the street from the Whitcomb Hotel. During the war, with the attendance being about eighty per cent service men and women, the Center was very popular both because of the opportunities offered and its easy accessibility. Everyone connected with the Photography Center accepted the Seventh and Bryant location, fully realizing that, except for the fact that there was plenty of floor space, there was nothing else to recommend it. However, experienced group of directors, most of whom had been instructing photography from five to ten years, decided to do their best to make an interesting program, and then hoped that this spot "South-of-the-Bay," a few blocks from "Skid Row," would not be too much of a drawback.

Since July, 1947, the attendance has increased at the rate of from forty to seventy a month until now, in July 1949, over four hundred residents of San Francisco are signed up as regular members of the Photography Center. Over a period of three months practically all of these members will use the Center's dark rooms from one to twenty or more times. Only the location of the Center prevents greater use.

In addition to the regular members, there are over two hundred amateur camera club photographers who hold meetings in the Center's meeting room. These clubs conduct regular exhibits, competitions, demonstrations, and lectures, to which every member of the Photography Center is invited to attend. Incidentally, these programs have become a very important and interesting part of the Center's activities.

All in all, the Photography Center has progressed considerably during the past year, both in number of members and in the quality of workmanship and artistry done and displayed. Now, the directors are looking forward to a year of greater interest and achievement in the programming of events that will take place at the Center in 1949-1950.

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Model night with the Mission Pictorialists at the Photography Center.

WINTER SNAPSHOT CONTEST HELD IN MARCH

The Photography Center held its Winter Snapshot Contest on Friday, March 4. Two divisions participated: beginners, and advanced or salon photographers. Mr. William Patterson, member of the San Francisco Photography Society and of the California Camera Club and one of the leading judges in photographic competitions, did a very fine job of judging both divisions. Mr. Patterson's criticism of the 40 prints submitted and his suggestions for improvements were both interesting and constructive and led to a very thorough discussion of each print.

Winners of the beginners' group were Henry Abrams, Ronald Chambers, and Ruth Webster. Prints submitted by this group were quite good and showed considerable improvement over those entered in the previous contest.

Winners of the advanced or salon photographers were John Beranek of the Pacific Pictorialists Camera Club; John Lucas and S. R. Quain, both of the Mission Pictorialists Camera Club. The prints sub-

mitted by this group were of exceptionally high quality and very interesting.

The prizes awarded the winners included also a three months' membership in the Mission Pictorialists Camera Club.

MONTHLY COMPETITIONS.

The Mission Pictorialists Camera Club meets at the Photography Center every Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock. Every month, the club holds a lecture or demonstration as well as a competition. The Pacific Pictorialists hold a contest at the Center on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Others who hold membership in the Center are always welcome to attend these lectures and competitions. As it is the practice of both clubs to secure the services of leading judges in the Bay Area for their contests these are always highly instructive and extremely popular with Club and other members alike.

On the second Monday of each month representatives of all the camera clubs in the San Francisco Bay Area Council of Camera Clubs meet at (See Page 4)

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

All players who have registered and played regularly at Presidio or Aptos gymnasiums are eligible to participate in the Eleventh Inter-gym Badminton Tournament, which will be held at Presidio Junior High gym beginning on April 11. Matches will be played on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

For men and women athletes interested in entering the tournament, singles, doubles and mixed doubles classes will be held. Players will be classified according to their playing ability. A consolation flight in each class will also be given where the entry list warrants it.

Awards will be presented to winners and runners-up in each event where there are at least six entries. Winners in consolation flights will also receive awards. An informal party at Sigmund Stern Grove is slated for May 24 for all badminton participants and their friends. At this occasion medals will be presented to various tournament winners and runners-up. Serving on the badminton committee are Mrs. Alice Kovacs Cohn, Mrs. Raymond Croce, Mr. James Bailey, Mr. James Barron and Mr. Josh Faulkner.

SWIMMING MEET IN APRIL

Boys and girls will compete in alternate events at the annual swimming meet to be held at the Crystal Plunge, 775 Lombard Street, on Saturday, April 16, at 10:00 A.M.

Competitive events are: 25 yard free style for playground girls; 25 yard free style for playground boys (9 and under); 50 yards for playground girls; 25 yards for boys (12 and under); 100 yard free style for girls (open); 100 yard free style for boys (open); 50 yard free style for high school girls; 50 yard free style for boys (15 and under); 50 yard backstroke for playground girls; 50 yard backstroke for playground boys (open).

Contestants can not be over eighteen years of age and are not eligible if they hold any A.A.U. championship. Tryouts will be held at Crystal Plunge and must be completed by Friday, April 8. Participants may use their own suits, and girls are required to wear caps. On the day of the meet, contestants will check in at the desk not later than 9:30 A.M.

RECREATION SYMPHONY MEMBERS LEAVE FOR STUDY IN PARIS

The members of the Recreation Symphony Orchestra will soon be bidding "bon voyage" to two outstanding young players, oboists Arthur Jensen and John Stackpole, who are leaving this spring for advanced musical studies in Paris.

Jensen, a veteran of Marine combat service in the South Pacific, has been playing the orchestra's first oboe for the past nine months. He plans to spend three years studying with Gaudjeluc, principal oboist of the French National Orchestra. Stackpole, son of Art Commissioner Ralph Stackpole, has been a member of the Recreation Symphony for 18 months. Last fall he appeared as piano soloist with the orchestra at the Presidio Y.M.C.A. where he played the Beethoven First Piano Concerto.

The Recreation Symphony Orchestra is proud to have helped these talented young people on their way to what it believes will be a brilliant future.

TEEN-AGE NEWS

The Northern California Youth Council conducted its central area conference the week-end of February 26 at Fresno in their auditorium, which is the "Shack's" Teen-age Center. This is the first area conference conducted this year.

"Building for the Future", which was the theme of last year's conference at Asilomar, was again chosen for this year's theme.

A large number of representatives attended who are just organizing teen-age centers, and other delegates were able to give them the benefit of their experience. All present agreed, too, that an alumni association of teen-age centers is fast becoming a need for the near future.

After the business meetings, the group adjourned for recreation which included a dance. Attending the Conference from the San Francisco Recreation Department were Miss Alice Slater, director of teen-age activities, and two members of Hamilton Teen-age Center: Arthur Greer, who is vice-president of the Council, and Wilbur Hamilton, assistant editor of *Teen News*, all of whom led one of the discussion groups.

Highlighted by a wiener roast, jitterbug contest, amateur show, games and dancing, a supper-dance was held on March 4 at Sigmund Stern Grove by teen-agers from HAYES VALLEY. A whist tournament at Hayes Valley was conducted on February 28 with winners Junior Scott and Cleve Norman being awarded homemade cakes.

Accompanied by orchestral music, the grand re-opening of HAMILTON CENTER was held February 26. With newly painted walls and renovated furniture, the place presented fine appearance. "The Wearing of the Green" was celebrated early this year by enthusiastic Saint Patrick's Day fans at HAMILTON at their dance on March 12. An orchestra provided music for the many dancing feet.

Other St. Patrick's Day celebrants included teenagers at FUNSTON who gave a record dance on March 18. On the following day HAYES VALLEY dancers met in the clubhouse. Proceeds collected on that day went into the pool table fund.

The donation dance at NORTH BEACH on March 4 had two purposes. Fellows and gals donated their pin money for the treasury fund to purchase needed materials for the center.

On February 26 BAY VIEWERS gathered to bid farewell to President Joe Testa, who will soon don the khaki of the U. S. Army. To top off the occasion, everyone took turns at being chief cook and bottle washer. Hot dogs and coffee were served.

A record auction at OCEAN VIEW brought sighs when some of the teensters received excellent bargains for the prices they paid. A record dance was held on March 5.

IT WAS IRISH TALES AT THE MARCH MEETING

It was the month of March so the Golden Gate Story League featured Irish tales at their gathering on the evening of March 16. The meeting was held in Berkeley at the home of Mrs. Nancy M. Gaines at 2811 Regent Street.



Joan Olson and Nancy Goode, tied winners of the midget division, Girls' Basketball Pentathlon.

PENTATHLON RESULTS IN

Many playgrounds have found it a difficult task to compete against Chinese Playground girls, for eight out of twelve places were won by Chinese in the Sixth Annual Girls' Basketball Pentathlon, which was held at various playgrounds on March 5. Plaudits to Director Lillian Yuen's charges!

In the midget division all three winners represent the same group—Chinese—with Jackie Yee winning first place, 83 points; Millie Gee, second, 64; Norma Lee, third, 54.

An Marie Ward of Sunset Playground tanked 91 points to win top honors in junior class while Chinese Playground's June Chcw and Betty Fong gathered second and third spots with 76 and 73 digits respectively.

A very close race for first place marked the entry list for intermediate girls. Dorothy Wright of Hayes Valley, who attained 105 markers edged Sylvia Becker, Glen Park, by a one point margin in taking top honors. Elizabeth Chong's 95 digits gave her third place.

The senior class was decided among Chinese as Linda Tong lead her team mates, Marian Chan and June Lee for winner's laurels. Her 124 markers accumulated in all events given was high in all divisions.

Winners in districts who competed in district playgrounds were:

Districts I and II at Hayes Valley gym:

Midget: Jackie Yee, Millie Gee, Norma Lee, all Chinese. Junior: June Chew, Betty Fong, Agnes Wong, all Chinese. Intermediate: Dorothy Wright, Hayes Valley; Elizabeth Chong, Chinese; Fay Hayes, Hayes Valley. Seniors: Linda Tong, Marian Chan, June Lee, all Chinese.

District III, played at James Lick Gym:

Midget: Joanne Olson, Mission; Nancy Goode, Mission; Joanne Quinn, James Lick; Mary Varella, Douglass. Junior: Madeline Somson, Douglass; Marilyn Jacobs, Douglass; Frances Slepikhoff, Kate Kennedy; Catherine Leahy, Douglass. Intermediate: Phyllis Anderson, James Lick; Louise Frawley,

KITE CONTEST IS SLATED

No matter what the weatherman will predict from now on, boys and girls know that the spring season is near . . . along with this time of the year come March winds and the kite season. The Annual Kite Tournament will be held on April 23, 1:30 P.M. at Douglass Playground.

Contests for juniors, under 14 years of age, and seniors, under 17 years of age, are now open for boys and girls. Events are novelty of design, beauty of design and a kite-flying contest.

In novelty and beauty of design events, the kites will be judged according to uniqueness and flight in air. Small, large or comic flyers may be entered in this event. All kites in these two events must be made and flown by children entering them. Boys and girls may enter both contests, but must have two different kites for both events.

Only one contestant in each division from a play-(See Page 4)

Kate Kennedy; Carol Danjus, Mission; Jane Miller, Kate Kennedy. Senior: Peggy O'Connor, James Lick; Marjorie Olson.

District IV at Portola Gym:

Midget: Shirley Hernan, Rolph; Olga Padilla, Bryant Schoolyard; Lupe Padilla, Bryant. Juniors: Mara Barsotti, Portola; Maureen, Rolph; Dorothy Gillette, Portola. Intermediate: Carole Sarles, Rolph; Mary Knight, Rolph; Sheila Solimine, Bernal; Carmen Olmo, Rolph. Seniors: Jacky Garry, Portola; Gloria Ardizzone, Antonia Grech, Portola.

District V at Glen Park:

Midget: Denna Castle, Glen Park; Margaret Gorbebeck, Excelsior; Rita Trini, Excelsior. Juniors: Martha Dill, Glen Park; Joan Fagnani, Glen Park; Tania Sokol, Excelsior; Jo Ann Ness, Glen Park. Intermediates: Sylvia Becker, Glen Park; Audrey Fagnani, Glen Park; Ampato Olmstead, Excelsior. Seniors: Carol Dineen, Glen Park; Marcia Heath, Glen Park; Millie Racines, Glen Park; Joanne Struthers, Glen Park.

District VI at Sunset Playground:

Midget: Sandra Thomas, Dianne Canrius, Diane Corsiglia, all from Sunset. Junior: Ann Marie Ward, Allene Hahn, Bernice Gotelli, all Sunset.

District VII at Argonne:

Midget: Mary Lou Tarrades, Elaine Lanciotti, Emmy Jo Rarrades, all Rochambeau. Juniors: Jacqueline Cooper, Argonne; Rose Marie Dotson, Richmond; Roberta Teague, Cabrillo. Intermediate: Conne Valencia, Cabrillo; Carol Kiest, Richmond; Joy Della Maggiora, Richmond.

District VIII at Funston Gym:

Junior: Frances Berger, Joanne Alioto, Jean Hornot, all Funston. Intermediate: Polly Fischer, Funston; Janet Sullivan, Helen Wills; Peggy Hobbs, Funston.

Housing at Hunter's Point Gym:

Midget: Louise Jones, Double Rock; Paulina Floyd, Carolina; Effie Furnace, Double Rock. Junior: Georgia McLeod, Candlestick Cove; Veannell Whitman, Channel; Catina Hampton, Channel. Intermediate: Lucy Bell James, Bealo Winn, Irene Lotson, all Channel. Senior: Marble Dixon, Villa Winthers, Iris Moore, all Hunter's Gym.

SPECIAL ATHLETIC EVENTS**MARBLES**

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MARBLES
S. F. Municipal Federation Marble Tournament, March 26, 11:00 A.M., Margaret S. Hayward Playground, Golden Gate & Gough; James Rolph, Jr., Potrero & Army; Glen Park, Chenery & Elk; A. J. Rossi, Arguello & Edward.

BASKETBALL
Recreation Women's Tournament, Everett Gym, 16th & Church, March 21, 7:30, 8:30, 9:00; March 22, 9:00; March 23, 7:30, 8:30 P.M.

Industrial Women's Tournament, Everett Gym, 16th & Church, March 22, 7:30, 24th, 7:15, 8:15.

DeMolay Tournament, March 22, 7:15, 8:15, Roosevelt Gym, Arguello & Geary.

B'naï Brith Tournament, March 22, 7:15, 8:15, Aptos Gym, Aptos & Ocean Ave.

BOWLING

Industrial Men's League, 6:15, P.M.—Bagdad Bowl, 1641 Ellis, March 23, 24; Mission Bowl, 3140 Mission, March 23; Sports Center, 3333 Mission, March 24.

Industrial Women's League, 6:00 P.M., March 21, 23, Powell Recreation, 115 Powell; Golden Gate Recreation, 115 Jones.

BASEBALL

Independent Games, March 27, 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, Father Crowley, 7th & Harrison; Funston, Chestnut & Webster; Jackson, 17th & Carolina; Bay View, 3rd & Armstrong; Glen Park, Chenery & Elk; Potrero Hill, 22nd & Arkansas; Ocean View, Plymouth & Lobos; Angelo J. Rossi, Arguello & Edward; James Rolph, Jr., Potrero & Army; Portola, Felton & Holyoke.

C Novice Winter League, March 26, 10:00, 12:00, Funston, Chestnut & Webster; Glen Park, Chenery & Elk; Big Rec, Golden Gate Park.

Police Big Brother League, March 26, 10:00, 12:00; Father Crowley, 7th & Harrison; Potrero Hill, 22nd & Arkansas.

Industrial League, March 26, 1:00, 3:00 P.M., Funston, Chestnut & Webster.

PERSONNEL

Directors please note that the Kite Tournament scheduled for April 23 will be held at Douglass Playground, 26th and Douglass Streets, instead of at Funston as originally stated.

At the last meeting of the Supervising Directors the chairmanship of the group was conferred upon Allan Sullivan for the ensuing year. Mr. Sullivan takes the place vacated by Joseph Misuraca.

The habit of being critical grows with the least encouragement. It is the besetting sin of otherwise moral people. It hurts both the critics and the criticized.—RALPH WALDO LLOYD

KITE CONTEST

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ground may enter the kite-flying contest. Each entrant will be supplied with a reel of 250 feet of string. The kites will be flown to the end of string and wound in again to complete the contest. One helper will be allowed to aid in launching a flyer.

MINOR LEAGUE STARTS SOON

Entries in the Ninth Annual Minor Softball League are due at the Athletic Office, 1625 Market Street, on April 2. The tournament will be conducted at the playfields at Margaret S. Hayward and James J. Rolph, Jr. Playgrounds with games slated for evening at 6:15, 7:30 and 8:45.

Only those teams which are not participating in the Industrial Division League will be eligible to play. The league will be conducted by the rules of Amateur Softball Association of America.

According to the ability and experience of players, teams will be classified in A, B, C, and D divisions. In each group a round robin schedule will be drawn.

Winners and runners-up of the four divisions will receive awards.

WOMEN HOOPSTERS PERFORM

March 1 marked the first day of the 1949 Industrial Division Women's Basketball season. Games are played Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Everett Junior High School Gymnasium.

Among cage squads entered in competition are Glen Falls Insurance Co., Federal Reserve Bank, Veterans' Administration, Fireman's Fund, Standard Oil Co., Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and Southern Pacific.

PHOTOGRAPHY CENTER

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the Center to discuss inter-club competitions and events of general interest to amateur photographers. There are some 60 delegates from the various clubs. These members come from as far north as Woodland and as far south as San Jose.

The Photography Center will hold its annual summer competition on Friday, June 24, further announcement of which will be made later.

San Francisco Recreation Commission

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TEEN-AGE ACTIVITIES

The Recreation Department, during the past fiscal year, has been responsible for the organization and administration of twenty-three scheduled teen-age dances, conducted by co-educational teen-age clubs in the city's Recreation Centers, Teen-age Centers, Housing Project Recreation Centers, and in School Gymnasiums.

Most of these groups have conducted, besides their regular scheduled dances, other social activities such as barbecues, wiener roasts, swimming, bowling, and ice skating parties.

Music and Drama activities have played an important part in the program of many of these groups. During this year, the Hamilton Teen-age Center produced two 3-act plays, i.e., "Kiss and Tell" and "The Cat and the Canary."

During the last few months of this year, through the cooperation of professional dance schools, social dancing instruction has been offered to many of our teen-age clubs without charge.

The inter-center council, to which each group sends two representatives, conducted two boxing matches on a city-wide basis at the Bay View Center, and an informal dance at Aquatic Park.

The Recreation Department's teen-age groups have sent representatives to area conferences in Fresno, San Jose, and Marin. Over 250 young people were sent by their clubs to the Northern California Youth Conference, sponsored by the California Youth Authority, which was held at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, last October. It is interesting to note that, again, among the Youth Officers elected for the year, two were chosen from the San Francisco representatives.

A recent trend this year has been the request, by many of our former members of teen-age clubs who have reached young adulthood, for the formation of social clubs of their own age groups. One of these clubs has been in operation for over six months, and several other groups are in the process of organization.

Again this year it has been observed that there has been a national and state emphasis on the teen-age center movement, and this has resulted in many requests by out-of-town and, frequently, out-of-state visitors for personally conducted tours of San Francisco's teen-age centers. The nearby communities of Daly City, Burlingame, South San Francisco, and Stockton, have been assisted by our department in the formation of similar clubs.

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Fifth anniversary dance of Bay View Teen-age Center.

WHAT DOES THE TEEN-AGER WANT?

"Why can't I get my boy and girl to listen to me?" is a frequent complaint voiced by parents of high school children.

Should these same parents have occasion to observe their children's attitude toward recreation directors, they would be both puzzled and surprised at the ready manner in which the teener listens to the latter.

The teen-ager is not unreasonable in his demands for recreation; but there is something to which he objects strenuously—and that is being told peremptorily what to do. To the members of his family he may seem headstrong and thoughtless in this respect, but all he asks is the privilege of doing his own thinking from a teen-age rather than from a predominately adult perspective.

Directors who work with teeners know this. The teen-age program of activities is decided entirely by the members themselves and it is they who plan where, when and how these activities will be held.

Teen-age centers and playground teen-age clubs elect their own officers whose job it is to do all program planning. They hold regular meetings and appoint committees to take care of the details of special events from the selection of hosts and hostesses to choosing the clean-up committees.

The director sits in at their meetings as an advisor only. Occasionally disciplinary problems arise which must be settled and the director is sometimes surprised at the imposition of penalties which he himself would not dare to even suggest.

Below is a résumé of some of the outstanding
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activities held during 1948 at Recreation Department teen-age centers and playground teen-age groups.

Reading through this digest will reveal that the teen-ager knows pretty well what he likes to do and that he does a good job in planning and carrying out his program. While thus satisfying his urge to do things on his own, he also has the advantage in his early youth of learning how to organize his work and how to execute his plans.

Our hats off to the teen-ager and also to those wise recreation directors who, without ostentatiously doing so, lend a guiding hand to their eager exponents of democracy.

DANCING TO THE JUKE BOX

The teen-ager's first choice is dancing, and most teen-age centers and larger playground units hold a weekly dance. Music for these dances is usually supplied by juke box records which, by the teenager's standards, must be numerous and must include the very latest numbers.

At the regular weekly dances, members usually wear their nicest outfits. During intervals between dances, they still enjoy tripping the light fantastic whenever the mood strikes them.

Much planning is done for the special dances. Refreshments usually are served which include anything from wieners, potato salad and potato chips to turkey and all the trimmings. The seasons of the year, holidays and special events inspire the dance themes which are reflected in the clubhouse decorations.

Hamilton Center frequently plans these special dances. A night club dance featured a head waiter to take couples to tables for which reservations had to be made in advance. Their baby dance with all members in juvenile outfits was great fun.

A fourteen-piece orchestra provided music for Bay View's dance in April at which their new officers were received. Most of the units feature at least one formal dance a year when everyone wears his best attire. The girls often make their own gowns for these occasions.

North Beach Teen-agers love to eat and frequently enjoy a wiener roast after a dance. A turkey buffet dinner dance was held in November. Members were clad in party dress and the clubhouse was beautifully decorated. Decorations for a "Night in Paradise" dance at North Beach were of fish nets, pineapples, cocoanuts, sea shells, with paper leis to wear with beachcomber outfits. A bowl of goldfish was the door prize. Hayes Valley's beachcomber dance proved a delightful affair and was a good get-acquainted evening for newcomers.

Double Rock's costume ball in May, featuring a seven-piece orchestra, was attended by 150 teenagers. Colored balloons decorated the hall. Channel Center's barn dance in June, with members in jeans and wash dresses, was an event affording much fun. The Channel group also promoted a fund-raising dance in order to purchase curtains for the center's kitchen.

The big social function of the year is the Autumn

Informal Dance held at Aquatic Park on September 25. This affair is arranged by the Inter-Center Council which represents teen-age centers. All other teen-age clubs were invited to attend.

While these are just a few of the many dances held weekly, they will serve to give an overall picture of social dancing as enjoyed by the teeners.

Folk dancing is also popular among the teen-agers most of whom go to the various recreation units giving regular folk dance instruction, especially at Polytechnic, Funston and Glen Park. Ballet dancing is enjoyed by the more advanced dancers who meet in a group for this purpose.

OTHER SOCIAL EVENTS

The teen-age social world, of course, includes many gatherings other than for dancing.

Sometimes a group may gather around the piano for singing or just to sit and chat, or listen to records. Movies, too, are sometimes shown.

Handicraft takes the fancy of Double Rock teeners who made a large number of leather and copper articles which they placed on display at their Spring open house.

At Portola Playground there are a boys' and a girls' teen-age club. The girls like to cook dinner for the boys and afterwards present a play. Then everyone enjoys dancing for the rest of the evening. At Excelsior the boys and girls also have separate clubs but on Friday nights they always meet for a social gathering together which usually includes dancing. Channel enjoyed a carnival given by the Jolly Girls Club in March. Halls and booths were decorated with colored paper, streamers and balloons.

Birthday parties, too, are popular. Some of the centers give inexpensive gifts, particularly at West-side Court, Double Rock, Carolina, and Candlestick Cove. Graduation parties are other featured events.

A series of whist games were held at Hayes Valley with a party to honor the winners, in November. A pool tournament was held at this center in July with fifteen teeners taking part. North Beach had a Pedro tournament in May.

Billiards, checkers, chess and horseshoes are played by the teeners at Candlestick. Valencia Gardens, too, is quite expert at billiards.

When the annual table tennis tournament begins, there is always stiff competition to meet. Finalists play at Hayes Valley Center.

During the summer months particularly, the teen-age calendar includes a scheduled outing with picnics to various points of interest such as Golden Gate Park, Baker's Beach, Lake Anza, also swimming, ice skating, roller skating, bowling, bicycle riding and theatre parties. Frequently outings are financed from the group's treasury such as the swimming party at North Beach. This group also chartered three fishing boats for a boat ride to Paradise Cove where they anchored for a picnic on the beach.

Popping corn, decorating the Christmas tree and the clubhouse, making gifts, generally occupied the teeners during the holiday season. Many of the clubs joined with the smaller children to assist in making playground Christmas parties more complete.

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Sometimes the teeners paint and re-decorate their furniture. And when the final touches are complete, a celebration is always given.

The purchase of refreshments is financed by a small charge to each member or by funds from their treasury. Members pay small monthly dues to be used as they may elect. Fulton teen-agers graciously donated \$25.00 for the playground's district programs.

DRAMA AND RADIO

While teen-agers love short skirts, many of them go into dramatics more seriously.

To Hamilton Center goes the honor of being the first to present a three-act play with a teen-age cast on September 17 and 18 when they gave "Kiss and Tell" at Girls High Auditorium. Later they presented the play for the enjoyment of Double Rock members.

"Why the Chimes Rang" was the title of Hamilton's Christmas play given also at Girls High School. Publicity for this production was given by the Ellis Street Theatre, while candy and nuts were donated by Fillmore District Merchants.

Several other plays given by the teenagers were "Womanless Marriage" by the boys' club at Double Rock, the three-act play "Serooge" by the Inter-Center Teenage Council, and "The Haunted House" by Chinese teen-agers for the playground youngsters. Fortune telling, games and dancing followed the Halloween play.

In observance of Rededication Week and the arrival of the Freedom Train in San Francisco, teen-agers held patriotic programs and assisted with playground observances. Hamilton presented the tableau "These, Our Rights", Cabrillo teeners gave "A Review of Great Americans", while Cabrillo presented a program entitled "A Quest for Freedom".

The radio program, "Opinion Please", on March 5 carried a discussion of community planning in which teen-agers from the following centers took part: Eugenie Amendola, North Beach; Derrelene Rexford, North Beach; Myrtle Green, Hamilton; and John Grillo, Bay View. Four other teen-agers made a recording on the same day for the radio program "Youth Looks to the Future" in which representatives of Northern California Conference of Teen-Centers and Youth Councils discussed the Governor's Youth Conference at Sacramento. George Cooper, president, Poly dance group, moderated the program with the following participants: Carolyn Hubachek, editor, Teen News; Arthur Greer, president of Hamilton Teen-age Center; and Maryann Elki, Y-Teens representative.

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Bay View Teen-age Center cuts its fifth anniversary cake. (Top picture.) This was the first teen-age center to be operated by the Recreation Department. Left to right the teen-agers are Joe Testa, Frankie Romero, Diane Carson, Louie Alexander and Johnny Roveno.

In the picture below, North Beach Teen-age Center members are about to partake of a delicious turkey buffet dinner which they themselves prepared. Left to right are Joanne Tarantino, Michael Miller (director), Josephine LaRocca, Rosalie Criechio, Jean Hagan, Tommy Orlando, Tom Damato, Joe Tringali, Eddie Capizano, and Carl Gelardi.

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ATHLETICS

Teen-agers, whether from teen-age centers or from playground clubs participate in city-wide athletic tournaments almost all of which have at least two divisions to include junior and senior teenagers. Among these tourneys are basketball, softball, baseball, volleyball and touch tackle for boys, basketball, softball and volleyball for the girls, and volleyball for boys and girls together.

When tournaments are not going on, centers challenge each other for games. Westside Court and Hamilton played a series of touch tackle games against each other. Sunnydale features mixed volleyball games sometimes three times a week.

Swimming in the Department's two pools has developed some very fine swimmers. Meets for boys and girls are held and teen-agers have opportunity to take part in competitive events requiring considerable swimming skill.

Many of the playground teen-age clubs are principally athletic clubs who hold occasional social activities. At Portola, the boys' club who won the city-wide intermediate softball championship was honored at a spaghetti luncheon served by the Girls' Softball Club. Chinese Playground boys have their own teen-age basketball league every year.

Boxing is particularly popular among housing center teen-agers who have available the facilities at Hunters Point Gym and who also make use of a portable boxing ring. On September 29 Bay View Teen-age Center gave an exhibition boxing evening. Grant Butcher, Pacific Coast Amateur Heavyweight champion, was referee for some of the bouts and also did some exhibition boxing himself.

ANNUAL TEEN-AGE CONFERENCE

The annual teen-age conference is the culmination of many months of planning by the teen-agers. The event this year was held at Asilomar, California, October 1, 2, and 3.

Already as early as April 4 members of the various teen-age centers and youth councils from Northern California met at Bushrod Recreation Center in Oakland to discuss necessary organization. Program plans for the Conference were discussed on April 18 by chairmen of the various committees at the California Youth Authority in San Francisco where the theme "Building for the Future" was selected for the convention.

On September 11 and 12, teen-age representatives from Northern California gathered at the Hi Spot, San Jose Teen Center, for final conference planning. Panel discussions were held and the theme defined as to its relation to the individual, the center, the community, and world affairs.

A highly inspirational conference was the result of this constructive planning. Everyone felt that this, the fifth annual conference, was the most successful held.

Two of Hamilton Teen-age Center's members were elected as 1948-1949 officers for the Northern California Council, namely, Arthur Greer, vice-president; and Wil Hamilton, assistant editor, Teen News.

Actively participating in these conferences were Bill Senney, Bay View; Rusty Hubachek, Ocean View; George Cooper, Poly Friday Nighters; Beverly Scaruffi, North Beach; Clemmie Mathis, West-side Court; June Kleupfer, Funston; Marion Marmon, Booker T. Washington; Gloria Lee, Teen Inn; Jean Hagan, North Beach; Virginia Bader, Funston; Nancy Barr, MacArthur House; Doris Swanson, S. F. Youth Association; Manuel Mahona, Bay View; Art Greer, Inter-Center Council, and Wil Hamilton, Hamilton.

SPECIAL ATHLETIC EVENTS

BASKETBALL

S. F. Municipal Federation Tournament, 80, 90, 100# divisions, January 15, 10:30, 11:15 A.M., Funston, Chestnut & Buchanan; Hayes Valley, Hayes & Buchanan; Glen Park, Chenery & Elk; Polytechnic, Frederick near Arguello; Portola, Felton & Holyoke; Horace Mann, Valencia nr. 23rd; Bernal, Moultrie & Jarboe.

18th Annual Unlimited Tournament, 7:30, 8:30 P.M. at following gyms: James Lick, 25th & Noe; Galileo, Van Ness & Bay; Roosevelt, Arguello nr. Geary; Lowell, Grove & Masonic; Horace Mann, Valencia nr. 23rd; January 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. Balboa, Onondaga & Cayuga, January 10, 11, 12, 13, Francisco, Powell nr. Chestnut, January 10, 11.

S. F. Council of Churches Tournament, 7:15, January 10, 13, 14 Aptos, Upland & Aptos.

BOWLING

Industrial Men's League, 6:15 P.M., Bagdad Bowl, 1641 Ellis, January 12, 13; Mission Bowl, 3140 Mission, January 12; Sports Center, 3333 Mission, January 13.

Industrial Women's League, 6:00 P.M., January 10, 12, Powell Recreation, 115 Powell; Golden Gate Recreation, 115 Jones.

BASEBALL

Independent Games, Classes AA, A, B and C, January 16, 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, Father Crowley, Funston, Jackson, Bay View, Glen Park, Potrero Hill, Ocean View, A. J. Rossi, James Rolph, Jr.

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North Beach teen-agers busy at decorations for their recent "Night in Paradise" dance. Left to right, they are (standing) Sam Piazza, Jean Hagan, Joanne Tarantino, Palmera Patania, Norma Vannucci, Betty Paura, Ardit Humphrey, Joe Ferrera, and (in net) Mario Minolli, Charlie Farruggia, Joe Tringali, John Cresci, Frank Mugnaini.

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CONFERENCE PLANS

Teen-age representatives from Northern California gathered at the High Spot, San Jose Teen Center, on September 11 and 12 for the final planning of "Building for the Future" conference to be held on October 1, 2, and 3 at Asilomar.

The beautiful and picturesque setting of Asilomar located near Pacific Grove on Monterey Peninsula, will prove ideal for the conference. A swimming pool and tennis courts on the area of the conference grounds will provide recreation for the group attending.

Directors at the many playgrounds or clubs who have teen-age groups interested in participating at this conference should contact Alice V. Slater, Recreation Department teen-age center director.

The conference activities on the first day in-

cluded registration and a series of panel discussions with opening ceremonies by Bay View's Bill Senney, President of Northern California Youth Association, who introduced current officers.

"Mechanics of Leading Group Discussions" was led by Al Azevedo. Then delegates and representatives gathered for a general session in which preparations for the Asilomar conference was set. "Building for the Future" was made clear from the standpoint of personal, center, community and world affairs.

Ping pong, volleyball, dinner-dance with members of High Spot as hosts and hostesses provided activities for the recreation-minded groups.

In charge of various committees for the October 1-3 event are Program, George Cooper, Poly Dance Group; Mr. William Rooney, San Pablo; Discussion, Rusty Hubachek, Ocean View; Miss Helen (See Page 2)



Just getting in trim for a big night at North Beach Teen-age Center—(left to right) behind piano, Frank Mugnaini, Joe Inferrera, Sam Piazza, Charles Farruggia, Mario Minolli; front row, Joanne Tarantino, Ardith Humphrey, Betty Paura, Joe Cresci (at piano), John Cresci, John Carrabina, Palmera Patania, Norma Vannucci (seated).

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Lewis, Teen Inn, S. F. YWCA; Registration, Bob Hurley, Teen Inn; Mr. Randolph Grant, Golden Gate Boys' Club, Oakland.

The arrangements group is headed by "Moose" Morrell, The Shack, Fresno; Miss Carol Pulcifer, Oakland Recreation Department; Special features and entertainment, Beverly Scaruffi, North Beach; Mrs. Marie Bell, MacArthur House; Mr. Ray O'Brien, Hamilton; Nominations, Marty Hayhurst, The Shack; Mrs. Betty Drummond, The Shack.

HAYES VALLEY CELEBRATES DANCE

On September 1 members' of this center took over Sigmund Stern Grove clubhouse for a wiener roast-barbecue feast. Softball games, dancing and a buffet dinner, featuring hot dogs, cokes, pickles, and potato salad busied the young people from the time they arrived until it was time for them to depart.

An all-day outing on August 25 proved ideal for those attending. Bicycling, wading and playing games on the beach were some of the many activities which interested energetic participants.

New officers, elected on August 18 to lead the club are president, Douglas Lewis; vice-president, Ernest Carrie; secretary, Gloria Harris; treasurer, Donald Waldon.

Another occasion which was attended by members of Hayes Valley was the open house day on September 3. Guests and friends were welcomed in the club lounge.

"KISS AND TELL"

In presenting F. Hugh Herbert's "Kiss and Tell", a story about a teen age girl and her family, director Ray O'Brien of **Hamilton Teen Center** set a new precedent. This is the first occasion in which a three-act play with a teen age cast will be given in San Francisco.

More than 30 youngsters tried out for parts in this play. Performances are set for September 17 and 18, 8:30 P.M. at Girls' High School Auditorium, Geary and Scott Streets.

Children and adults are cordially invited to attend these shows. Tickets may be purchased at Hamilton Playground or at the Housing recreation centers.

BOXING FAME FOR BAY VIEWER

Bay View teen agers have turned out en masse to root and toot for their favorite pugilist, 135 pounder, Frankie Romero, who is currently engaged in Diamond Belt boxing competition at the Civic Auditorium.

POOR WIENERS!

Baker's Beach was the locale for much fun and frolic when **North Beach** teensters held their wiener roast on September 3. Fellers and gals roasted and toasted food, sang songs, and told tales for a most enjoyable evening.

OTHERS DANCE, TOO.

Dances and wiener roasts and parties are also some of the functions held at **Ocean View** and **Funston** teen-age centers.

PLAYGROUNDS OFFER TEEN AGE GROUP ACTIVITIES

Events galore jam pack teen agers' calendars at the many playgrounds and housing center units in the city. Athletic events as sponsored by the Municipal Federation of the Recreation Department holds much interest among teen groups.

Social groups meet at various home grounds to discuss plans for coming events. Others hold dances at regular intervals with refreshments being served.

At **Excelsior** separate junior teen age girls' and boys' clubs hold meetings and decide events for coming dates, but on Friday evenings these groups merge into one and present dances jointly. A Spring Turnabout Formal and Barn Dance was given by these organizations at the clubhouse under the leadership of their presidents, Ronald Trinidad and Jacqueline Guilbault. Twelve girls (17-18 years of age) make up the "Jots", a senior high school athletic and social group. Their president, Lillian Riva, calls meetings every Wednesday with plans usually pertaining to their sponsoring a dance twice a year. Regular Friday night dances with either boys' or girls' clubs acting as hosts or hostesses make these evenings most jovial at **Glen Park**. Often a buffet supper-dance is held though larger programs such as variety shows and carnivals keep plans working well ahead of schedules. **Fulton** teen group certainly deserved high praise after donating \$25 from their treasury to the playground for their district summer pro-

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Making paper leis to wear with their beachcomber outfits to fit in with clubhouse decorations of seashells, fish nets, pineapples and coconuts at North Beach Center's recent dance (left to right), Charlie Farnuggia, Norma Vannucci, Palmera Patania, Joanne Tarantino, Joe Ferrera.

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gram. Their Tuesday night dances, with members furnishing music accompaniment are occasions of much fun for **Fulton**.

Folk dancing in the afternoons has kept **Valencia Garden** teensters well in the groove. At the many meetings recordings and new step demonstrations are given to the group.

A girls' club (12-14 years of age) recently held a costume party at **Westside Courts**. After the affair refreshments of punch and cookies were served.

Athletics seem to be the top activity for **Candlestick Cove**'s group. Tournaments involving pool, table tennis, checkers, chess and horse-shoes are held for those interested in participating. On every other Tuesday evening jukebox dances are well attended by boys and girls.

Other groups which function in teen age group activities include **Cabrillo**, **Poly Dance Group**, **Channel**, **Carolina**, **Potrero Terrace**, **Sunnydale**, **Middle Point**, **Double Rock**, **Portola** and **Bernal**. The latter two are now in their reorganization stage.

GYMNASIUMS REOPEN

All gymnasiums for regular evening play were reopened on September 7. Badminton and basketball courts at Aptos Junior High, Everett Junior High, Presidio Junior High and George Washington High School will now accommodate players and their friends.

"PINAFORE" ON SEPT. 19 LAST STERN GROVE PROGRAM

As the last of the fifteen Sunday performances at Sigmund Stern Grove, 19th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard, the Players Club Light Opera Guild will offer the Gilbert and Sullivan opera "H.M.S. Pinafore", with Reginald Travers, director, and Charles Hart, musical director, at the Grove on Sunday, September 19, at 2:00 P.M.

Cast of Characters:

SIR JOSEPH PORTER, K.C.B.	Percy Hutchins
CAPTAIN CORCORAN	David Stevens
RALPH RACKSTRAW	Paul Walti
DICK DEAD-EYE	Marsden Argall
BOATSWAIN	Milton Smith
BOATSWAIN'S MATE	Bob Bidleman
JOSEPHINE	Virginia Blair
HEBE	Helen Resleure
BUTTERCUP	Elizabeth Case
MID-SHIP MIGHT	Richard Basler
CHORUS OF SISTERS, COUSINS, AND AUNTS—	Alberta Riggio, Hilda Correa, Laura Ball, Lana Johnson, Marcella Lewis, Lenore Meyers, Billie Newton, Joyce Oliver, Lola Praetzel, Ermine Rhoads, Kay Woley, Marian Woley, Roberta Wordley, Pauline Eohler, Caroline Pryor, Myrna Marple

CHORUS OF SAILORS—Bill Byrd, Kenneth Bradshaw, Bob Bidleman, Everett Cordeiro, Manuel Cervantes, Gordon Dirks, Bill Gibson, Allen Fleming, John Howard, Bill Henderson, John Julian, Lloyd

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"WITHIN THESE WALLS"

Seventy-five teen agers from Carolina, Channel, Double Rock and Hamilton joined forces in celebrating **Carolinian Robert Cahlier's** seventeenth birthday on August 13. His fellow club members pitched in and presented him with a large cake, which was lit with the aforementioned number of candles.

A Record Dance on August 20 proved exciting for thirty teen agers who attended the event.

The weaving of blue wool sweaters with a "C" emblem by twelve members of **Channel's Little Chums Club** is definitely keeping youngsters occupied.

Wives of the Kingston Club members from **Double Rock** spent an evening playing bridge and dancing to music as provided by the community orchestra. After all these activities refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, salads, cookies and punch were served.

As the Double Rock auditorium was decorated for "nuptial ceremonies", a play "Womanless Wedding", complete with bridal procession was held on August 20 by the Boys' Club with an all male cast. The Bride, Casey Jones and Groom, Nick Flood were most realistic in their roles. More than 125 adults and children applauded the fine work of the club in presenting this affair.

Middle Point's athletic squads have proved themselves worthy on the baseball and softball fields.

On August 10, the baseball nine blasted Aptos, 7-2, at the latter's home diamond. Pitcher Jim Custido of the winning team was instrumental in this victory as he struck out fourteen batters. Another win was recorded on August 14 when the same squad led by pitcher Len Mateo, Bill Allen and Bernie Wells, dubbed Cabrillo, 12-2.

A costly error in the crucial last inning caused Middle Point's crack team to receive its defeat at the hands of Rossi by a narrow margin, 14-13. Al Hamilton's 340 foot triple in the game with Funston, August 19, was the high spot in that game, but that alone was not enough to win. The visiting team turned back the home team, 11-8.

In the last inning of Junior Girls' softball game with Middle Point girls engaging Portola, a single by El Dorothy Turner scored the winning run of the game. The lead see-sawed several times between the two teams in a most exciting contest until Miss Turner took her chance at bat and came through for the winning run. The final score stood at 9-8.

On August 12 various games, aroma of food cooking, and gay decorations turned the center into a carnival area for 300 children and their friends. Prizes were awarded to skillful winners at the many game concessions. To top events off a teen age dance was held in the evening. Membership was boosted by guests from **Channel Recreation Center**.

An increased number of **Sunnydale's** dance population has transferred the scene of activity to the wider dance floor of the center's auditorium.

SPECIAL ATHLETIC EVENTS**SOFTBALL**

S. F. Post Office League, Sept. 13, 14, 15, Hayward Playground, Golden Gate & Laguna, 6:30, 8:00 P.M.

S. F. City Employees' League, Sept. 13, 15, 8:30, Sept. 14, 7:00, 8:30 P.M., Rolph Playground, Army & Potrero.

BASEBALL

Night League, Classes AA & A, Sept. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 6:00, 8:00 P.M., Funston Playground, Chestnut & Buchanan Sts.

Independent Games, Sept. 19, 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, Father Crowley Playground, 7th & Harrison; Funston, Chestnut & Buchanan; Jackson, 17th & Carolina; Bay View, 3rd & Armstrong; Glen Park, Chenery & Elk; Potrero Hill, 22nd & Arkansas; Ocean View, Plymouth & Lobos; Angelo J. Rossi, Arguello & Edward; James Rolph, Jr., Potrero & Army; Portola, Felton & Holyoke.

FOOTBALL

San Francisco Municipal Federation Football Feature Contest—90, 100, 110, 120, 130 weight divisions, Rolph Playground, Army & Potrero, 10:30 A.M.

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Johnson, James Munn, Charles Price, Dick Russo, Glenn Roudabush, Bill Scanlon, Bob Schlendorf, Arlan Wendland, Gene Warren, Duncan Driver.

James Munn is production manager; William Byrd, stage manager; Gordon Dirks, assistant stage manager; and Erma Rhodes, wardrobe mistress.

Last Sunday's program (September 12) was an All-Beethoven symphonic concert with Kurt Herbert Adler conducting members of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra; and Nannette Levi, violin soloist.

This program will close the eleventh summer season of Sunday performances that the Sigmund Stern Grove Music Festival Association has presented free of charge to the music lovers of San Francisco. Funds for one concert are contributed by the City, and the Recreation Department which sponsors the Association, furnishes the programs and publicity, as well as the maintenance at the Grove.

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RECREATION ACTIVITIES IN HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

During the past year, recreation in housing developments has found itself on a more solid footing than at any time previously.

This reaction has resulted from more stable conditions where people have settled down to making their homes permanent rather than the transient condition which was experienced during the post-war period.

A distinct change of attitudes and interests have been noted since last year. Adults have become more recreational minded and have responded to our efforts to develop our programs on a community center basis where entire families can find an outlet for their leisure time interests.

Financial conditions have changed so that most people are unable to seek large scale commercial recreation for their families and themselves away from the community; therefore, they are participating in their immediate community activities a great deal more.

The Adult Education Division of the Board of Education has assisted us in supplying well-qualified and experienced leaders in the various fields of education to satisfy the interests of the adults.

Classes are organized by our staff and leadership is furnished by the Adult Education Division upon request.

The three agencies, Recreation, Education, and Housing, have cooperated in offering the peoples in housing developments a wide range of leisure time interest. Attendance in practically all classes has reflected the appreciation of the people.

Our continued regular Manager-Director meetings have been helpful in doing a coordinated piece of work. More and more, Housing and Recreation are working together for the common purpose of developing the recreational program and satisfying the leisure time needs of the people in our communities.

The following will tend to show a general activities program which is developed in all units to meet the interest of the various age groups:

ATHLETICS
DRAMATICS
MUSIC
DANCING
HANDICRAFT
SWIMMING

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Hikes or away-from-the-playground trips or picnics.

A keen interest in boxing and regularly scheduled Boxing Smokers.

Motion picture shows regularly scheduled.

Teen-age dances, adult dances, card parties, social evenings and community singing.

Club dinners and luncheons, weddings, showers, birthday parties, mothers' teas and other social activities.

Housing Recreation Centers and the population they serve:

	<u>Families</u>	Total <u>Population</u>
CANDLESTICK COVE -	944	3,769
CAROLINA COURTS -	100	400
CHANNEL -	289	1,040
DOUBLE ROCK -	1,462	5,832
GUAM -	208	952
RIDGE POINT -	2,776	12,595
SUNNYDALE -	772	3,084
VALENCIA GARDENS -	246	984
WESTSIDE COURTS -	136	544
<u>TOTALS</u>	6,933	29,200

SUMMER PROGRAM 1949

<u>SPECIAL EVENTS</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
June 29 - Carnival Day and Stunt Show	600
(Hunters Point Gymnasium)	
July 6 - Roller Skating Party and Fun at Playland . .	220
(SkateLand)	
July 13 - Movie Party (Point Theater)	400
July 20 - Ice Skating Party (Sutro Rink)	128
July 28 - Joseph Lee Day (North Beach Playground) . .	250
Aug. 3 - Sports Night (Hunters Point Gymnasium) . .	430
Aug. 10 - Swimming Party (Crystal Plunge)	200
Aug. 13 - Baseball Day (Seals Stadium)	320
Aug. 17 - Trip to Fleishhacker Zoo	350
Aug. 24 - Story-telling Playday (Sigmund Stern Grove) .	225
Aug. 31 - Playday (Sigmund Stern Grove)	450

The increase of attendance over that of last year can be attributed to the direct bus transportation that is afforded us by the Municipal Railway. Although our children are obliged to pay the straight ten-cent fare, we are accommodated by direct transportation, cutting our traveling time to a bare minimum. This is extremely important because of the usual long distances of travel from housing units to centers of interest.

The overall committee, plus individual committees for each special day, have added much to the success of the summer program.

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A view of the southern portion of Hunters Point Housing Project, with Double Rock in the foreground. The Recreation Department supervises recreation at thirteen Housing units.

RECREATION IN HOUSING—1948

The year 1948 represents the sixth year that recreational activities at Housing units have been supervised by the San Francisco Recreation Department. Starting in March, 1942, with a center at Sunnydale, the project has been expanded to include thirteen units.

In eleven centers the San Francisco Housing Authority provides the buildings and facilities which the Recreation Department utilizes to carry out its community leisure-time program.

At two schoolyards, Ridge Point #1 and #3, Recreation directors are on hand after school and during vacation periods.

The year 1948 saw an unprecedeted program expansion. Not only were recreational services provided for residents of the Housing Developments and vicinity, but they were also encouraged to organize activities for themselves.

A resumé of 1948 activities indicates that children

and grownups have been provided with a wide range of interesting subjects:

DRAMA PROGRAM

For the small children there were storytelling hours, story plays, puppetry and drama groups. The following plays were presented: "The Boy Who Learned to Shudder" at Carolina; "Scrooge" at Channel; "King Midas", "Three Billy Goats Gruff", and "Red Riding Hood" at Guam Village; "Elves and the Shoemaker" at Sunnydale; and "Mother Goose Fantasy" at Double Rock; and the puppet plays, "Peter Rabbit", "Raggla", and "Elves and the Shoemaker" at Channel; "Cinderella" and "The Three Wishes" at Sunnydale; "Pocahontas and Captain John Smith" at Valencia Gardens.

SOCIAL DANCES

A large number of adult, teen-age and junior teen-age social dances were held at all units. Many entertaining formal, semi-formal and costume parties were included. In almost all instances, capacity

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crowds attended. Response has been so great for dances and parties that each center now conducts these as weekly social events highlighted by an especially elaborate affair. Various dance themes are often featured. Listed below are a few of the outstanding social dances presented by recreation centers:

Carolina's Big Sisters held an April Fool Dance.

Channel's Rovers presented a Valentine Costume Dance with an attendance of 80, and a Comic Strip Dance on July 27, which 86 attended.

Many of Double Rock's teen-agers turned out for a Leap Year Dance. During the holiday season Double Rock held their annual Christmas Formal.

On November 12 the Eager Beavers of Westside Court held a dance honoring members who were outstanding in football: Poly's Marvin Crews, Clemmie Mathis of Washington, and the Matson boys, Guilford and Ollie, of City College. 110 members were there.

Sunnydale's 52 teen-agers held a Ham Dinner Dance, November 24; and on November 27 a Pot Luck Dinner and Danee was held for 75 junior teenagers.

A dance was held at Valencia Gardens to celebrate their participation in the Housing League Basketball Tournament.

SEASONAL PARTIES

Each unit conducted separate seasonal parties for youths in different age groups. These parties proved to be highly successful.

With the cooperation of directors and children in planning and carrying out details, many outstanding seasonal parties were held on Valentine's Day, Easter, Halloween and Christmas.

At Christmas time members of the Mothers' Club at Guam Village presented each child a Walt Disney figurine made by the mothers. Christmas came to the Village on December 23 when a group of 35 adults sang Christmas carols in various sections of the district. They later returned to the Center for refreshments and dancing.

Christmas at Sunnydale was replete with celebrations. 58 junior teen-agers had a Box Lunch Social and exchanged gifts around a large Christmas tree on December 23; teen-agers held their Christmas Dance to the music of a seven piece orchestra on December 22; and 300 interested spectators attended the Center's Christmas program.

A most successful Christmas party attended by adults as well as youngsters was held at Hunters Point Gymnasium on December 23.

At Middle Point Christmas was the time for much excitement. The youngsters presented a fine program and Santa gave away candy.

Candlestick Cove's Christmas program proved to be the happiest event of their Christmas socials. It was attended by many of the parents. The youngsters put on an excellent show which included folk dancing, ballet, storytelling, singing, tumbling and other features.

Carolina's outstanding Christmas event was their Family Christmas Party which was attended by 85 children and 20 teen-agers. Everyone had a hilarious time including Santa.

An annual Christmas Formal Danee at Double Rock was enjoyed by 100 teen-agers on December 17.

All youngsters participated in Christmas games and singing at Valencia Gardens' Christmas party December 23.

Santa presented gifts to children under 13 years of age at Channel's Christmas party December 18. The big day for Channel was December 24 when candy and 500 Christmas toys, donated by the San Francisco Police Association, were distributed to the children of the Center and surrounding area.

More than 80 children attended Westside's Christmas party and program. Children participated in folk dances, toy symphony and singing. The grand finale was a visit from Santa who gave each child candy, fruit and ice cream.

On December 23 the Adult Bridge Club of Westside exchanged gifts at their regular meeting. All of the 42 members were present.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Blue Birds at Candlestick held a Mother-Daughter Party on the first of the year, and a Mothers' Tea as the year came to a close. On March 27 the folk dancers and girls' ballet of Candlestick gave a dancing exhibition at an Easter Party at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard.

Channel's annual Carnival was held March 3. Wishing wells, game booths, balloon and dart games, and refreshment booths were featured as well as dancing in the Rumpus Room. The Jolly Girls of Channel held a Formal Tea from 4:00 to 6:00 on July 29 as a part of their Open House Week.

August 12 was the date of Middle Point's most outstanding event of the year—a Carnival. This affair attracted children from near and far to try their luck in the booths. Prizes were awarded to the winners.

On October 29 Westside held its Carnival. 150 children enjoyed games of skill including quoits and shooting apples with darts. The fortune teller also added much to the success of the carnival.

Nine centers held doll shows and parties. The winners were later to be entered in the Doll Show held by the Recreation Department in the City Hall.

Westside Court was represented at a teen-age planning meeting April 4 at Bushrod Center in Oakland. Carolina, Double Rock, Potrero Terrace, Sunnydale and Westside Court were later represented at the Asilomar Northern California Conference.

All centers took part in the Recreation Department's annual Summer Festival held at Sigmund Stern Grove. Sunnydale was exceptionally well represented with 62 participants.

An exciting ice hockey game at Winterland Ice Rink thrilled youngsters from Channel, Double Rock, Middle Point, Candlestick, and Westside.

CLUBS

The four clubs, Jolly Girls, Rovers (boys), Little Chums, and Sprites, kept Channel humming with activity throughout the year. At Westside the Adult Duplicate Bridge Club met weekly.

The Men's Horseshoe Club at Candlestick Cove had an enjoyable season. They traveled frequently and attended social functions with their tournament opponents.

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The organization of the Girls' Club was quite an event at Carolina. The children range in age from eight to twelve, while the Carolina Big Sisters, who were organized previously, are 15 to 18 years old.

The Girls' Club has been active in presenting plays. On Mondays they attended a cooking class. During the holiday season they made gifts which included place mats, ear rings and shell pins.

The Carolina Big Sisters held a charity dance for the Center and went on an Easter Bunny Picnic. Another activity was a rollerskating party. During the Christmas season they had a dance to purchase more records. They also gave a spaghetti dinner for the teen-agers of the vicinity.

An exciting event at Double Rock was the play, "Womanless Wedding", by the Boys' Athletic Club.

The Kingston Club is an active organization at Double Rock which consists of men in the community. They meet once a week and are sponsors of the various athletic clubs at the center.

HANDICRAFT

In order to better familiarize directors with specialized handicraft, arrangements were made with the Board of Education to conduct weekly craft instruction classes. Directors are now learning paper, metal, wood, fabric, and leather crafts. As a result of this instruction, craft classes have sprung up in most Housing units to round out a well organized activity program. Listed below are some of these activities:

A woodcraft class at Sunnysdale began October 19 with an attendance of 12 and by December 14 the enrollment was up to 45. Model craft at Sunnysdale is also popular. 140 Walt Disney figurines were made and painted for Christmas gifts. A craft class at Guam was held each Tuesday evening, with textile painting being most popular.

Carolina's art group worked industriously on a mural, "Santa is Here Now." Ridge Point #3 youngsters enjoyed many types of craft work. They do a great deal of finger painting. The craft groups at Double Rock displayed some fine leather and metal articles at an exhibition.

MUSIC AND DANCE

The toy symphony with its bells, cymbals, triangles, and drum, with piano accompaniment is an occasion to which the small children at Channel, Double Rock, Guam, Middle Point, Valencia Gardens, and Westside Centers look forward each week with much pleasure. While rehearsing old and new numbers, children learn something of rhythm as well as of ensemble playing. After the "symphony" they sing together.

Circle games and folk dancing are other weekly forms of recreation at Candlestick, Channel, Double Rock, Guam, Middle Point, Sunnysdale, Valencia Gardens and Westside. These groups enjoy participating in songs, dances and rhythm band music at the annual Summer Festival in Stern Grove.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

The athletic program received a strong impetus from the forming of an athletic committee consisting of six directors who organize leagues at the centers from which participants in city-wide activities are



Top picture, a basketball game at Hunters Point Gymnasium between Double Rock and Middle Point Centers, with director Yotz Klotovich as referee.

In the picture below, youngsters at Westside Court are starting work on leather craft articles.

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chosen.. Many more city-wide winners and far greater city-wide participation of the Housing centers is attributed directly to the result of these inter-housing leagues which precede city-wide activities.

HUNTERS POINT GYMNASIUM

The Hunters Point Gymnasium was constantly in use for both local and city-wide athletic events. Basketball and Softball tournaments for boys and girls were held here.

Mixed Volleyball Night at the Gym in March attracted 19 teams who played on three courts. Double Rock won first honors with Hunters Point second. 375 persons attended the tournament.

The Physical Fitness class has been increasingly
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active. The boys take great interest in the course which affords them opportunity for self-development.

BOXING PROGRAM

One of the highlights of the activities program is a specialized boxing program in six different units under the tutelage of two fine boxing specialists. The primary purpose of the boxing program is to instruct boys in the art of self defense. They are not encouraged to prepare for competition unless they so desire.

Many of the Housing Recreation boys have gone on to represent their units in the various district, county and regional tournaments with considerable success.

Of the 14 entries in the Golden Gloves Tournament in December, three won championships, two others reached the finals, and two were eliminated in the semi-finals.

Junius Allen, 126 pound senior from Carolina, was well rewarded for his daily attendance at the training school held by Recreation boxing coaches at the various centers. First he won the senior title in his division in the Golden Gloves Tournament. This earned him a berth on the U.S. Team which was sent to Honolulu in January where Allen won the Amateur Featherweight Championship.

Other winners in the Golden Gloves Tournament were John Chitman, Hunters Point Gym., who won the Novice Middleweight title; and Pancho Cisneros, Wisconsin, who won the Novice Lightweight title.

Two other boys who reached the finals were Louis Mendoza from Candlestick Cove, and Ellis Brooks from Crocker-Amazon.

Other participants in the Tournament were George Sanders, John Murphy, James Averill, Pat Viola, Henry Luna, Rubin Vargas, Milton Wolf, George Requeme, and Claudio Nunes.

SUMMER PROGRAM

Each week during the summer vacation some special event was planned in which all the Housing centers were encouraged to participate. On the schedule were ice skating, roller skating and theatre parties, Carnival Day at Hunters Point Gymnasium, Scavenger Hunt and Picnic at Gilman Beach, Play Days at North Beach and at Golden Gate Park, Sports Night at Hunters Point Gymnasium, Baseball Day at Seals Stadium, Storytelling Picnic at Sigmund Stern Grove, and tour of San Francisco Bay followed by a swim at Crystal Plunge.

CENTER ACTIVITY NOTES

CANDLESTICK COVE—1948 at the Cove began with open house and a dance at the newly decorated center.

The Blue Birds and Campfire Girls are very active groups at Candlestick. While holding their installation luncheon at the Center, the PTA learned something of the activities offered there.

Candlestick had winners in the Housing boxing contests, as well as in the city-wide Doll Show and Marble and Touch Tackle Tournaments.

CAROLINA—One of the most exciting ventures during the year was a trip to the Cow Palace Exhibition which was quite novel to most of the children.

CHANNEL—Open House celebrating Channel's

third anniversary lasted an entire week and featured a Puppet Show, Comic Strip Dance, Jolly Girls' Formal Tea, and Outdoor Carnival.

DOUBLE ROCK—The girls' teen-age team won the Housing Basketball championship. An active group of adults had many whist and bridge tournaments, while the Drama Club presented several plays.

After redecorating the center, Open House was held. Singing, folk dancing and games were enjoyed.

Some of the more talented youngsters competed in an amateur hour at the Midtown Theatre and had dinner later as guests of the Manager.

GUAM VILLAGE—Recreation here is unique in that it serves mainly the families of Navy and Marine personnel. The Mothers' Club is very active. Some 69 youngsters enjoyed a delightful Thanksgiving giving party.

MIDDLE POINT—Members were proud to have visitors at their newly decorated center when Open House was held at the beginning of 1948. Middle Point baseball team did some hard playing during the summer at home and at other playgrounds.

RIDGE POINT #3—The children here spend considerable time listening to music records. The story hour over the records is presented to them weekly. They also enjoyed educational movies on Fridays.

SUNNYDALE—In the Fall two teen-age groups were organized. The senior membership has reached 100 while the junior group now numbers 80. Both groups meet weekly.

Rain or shine Folk Dancing groups are well attended with an average attendance of 35 every Wednesday afternoon.

WESTSIDE COURT—Monthly intra-center contests in Pool and Table Tennis were held. Two table tennis winners went on to win the City-wide Table Tennis Tournament: John Mathis, the Intermediate Division; and Walter Johnson, the Junior Division.

Westside Court made first place in the Midget Division in the Housing Marble Contest.

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EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR 1948-1949

Personnel Services	\$39,634.42
Contractual Services	8,001.41
Materials and Supplies	4,926.54
Food	27,121.37
Other Expenditures	<u>2,060.00</u>

TOTAL - - \$81,743.74

REVENUE FOR YEAR 1948-1949

Fees	\$ 2,132.20
Reservations	78,386.10
Miscellaneous	<u>2,572.66</u>

TOTAL - - \$83,090.96

CAMPER DAYS - 1949 SEASON

Approximately 2,200 San Franciscans enjoyed Camp last season.

Calculated on a basis of actual camper days, the season totaled 19,035 as follows:

June 18-30	2,247
July 1-31	8,205
Aug. 1-31	8,407
Sept. 1-3	<u>176</u>

TOTAL - - 19,035

Rates at Camp for the 1949 season were:

AMERICAN PLAN - NO BEDDING SUPPLIED

ADULTS - \$5.00 per day

CHILDREN:

8 years thru 13 -	\$3.00 per day
2 " " 7 -	\$1.50 per day
Under 2 years -	NO CHARGE

CAMP MATHER (continued)

Each year the Recreation Department has made improvements in facilities, landscaping Lake Birch, a few yards from the camp proper; building a swimming pool; improving trails and roads; and further improvements are expected under the departments \$12 million expansion program.

Not only has the camp offered recreation for thousands of tax-payers, it has also offered employment during the summer months to scores of high school and college youths from the city. This year, 40 youths, most of them veterans attending local colleges, were part of the camp staff.

Camp Mather is today what the people of the city originally intended it to be -- a family camp. It is a camp where every member of San Francisco's family, from Junior to Grand Dad, can find a program suited to his tastes. And all of the programs are designed to weld the family into a stronger and happier unit.

Taxpayer guests at the camp range in occupation from doctors and lawyers to city employees and grocery clerks. Costs have risen, as they have everywhere, but are kept at a minimum. The price of admission includes food and recreation and lodging.



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William Ergas telling some of the "kiddies" about the program arranged for them for the afternoon at Camp Mather.

CAMP MATHER ENDS 1948 VACATION SEASON

The Recreation Department's Camp Mather in the Tuolumne County mountains on September 5 brings to a close a highly satisfactory camp season both from the standpoint of attendance and, to judge from the many comments made and letters received by the Department, enjoyable vacations spent there.

Here hundreds of San Franciscans found the ideal vacation spot where they were well fed and a program of activities was provided for them.

When not sunning themselves on the shores of the lake, guests enjoyed a good swim or, when fancy dictated, joined the daily hikes over inviting trails through valley and mountain. For those who

prefer driving to hiking, a short auto drive could be taken to Hetch Hetchy Reservoir or a longer drive to Yosemite and other outstanding places.

Tennis, horseshoes, volleyball, table tennis, and badminton were on the program, with tournaments being held for those who wished to take part.

Evenings brought campfires, wiener roasts, moving pictures, community singing, card parties and a weekly dance.

The children's program, specially planned for them, included hikes, games and a story hour.

Guests number many among them who have been coming regularly every year to Camp Mather. Included are the Lasky family pictured on Page 3.

Reservations for Camp Mather must always be made early, especially in mid-season.



Some of the day campers take their rest period after a busy morning of hiking.

SILVER TREE CAMP CLOSES THIS WEEK

Culminating eleven weeks of day camp activities for playground children, Silver Tree Day Camp in back of Glen Park Playground, Chenery and Elk Streets, will close on September 3.

A visitor to the day camp during the noon hour would witness a very happy scene indeed: children having lunch at rustic picnic tables with a background of hills and eucalyptus trees. Beyond the level area where kickball games were nearly always in progress, are large tents, each flying the color insignia of its camp—red, yellow, blue, and green. Each camp site has its campfire which is kept burning all day for roasting wieners and marshmallows. Groups gather readily here to sing and make merry together.

Scampering up the sides of the steep hills in what seems the twinkling of an eye are the campers, the more active of whom are all over the place; while many remain at the tables to take part in various types of handicraft and color design work. Of course, everyone goes on the hike to the Junior Museum to see the two-headed snake and all the animals and exhibits there.

High light of the week is on Thursdays when, instead of coming in the morning, the campers arrive in the afternoon so that they may experience an actual evening campfire with supper at their individual tent camp sites. Hot beans and buns, salad, milk and dessert are brought to them and they have the fun of roasting their own wieners over the fire.

Later all the tent groups join together around one big campfire for this is guest night when parents and friends are invited. During the week all camp talent is rounded up and plans are made to entertain the guests. These have always been highly successful and happy evenings.

So the days fly by at day camp and the youngsters leave the camp at the end of the week regretful to leave but happy to have had a part in the fun at Silver Tree Camp.

Children registered at seventy-five playgrounds and centers to take part for the period of a week in the day camp program. A fee of \$1.75 was

RECREATION WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

In the Women's Recreation Softball League championship playoffs, Sherrys, behind the excellent pitching of Jo Greenwood, defeated Double Play Dandies, 9-2, on August 18 at James Rolph, Jr. Playground.

Despite the wonderful fielding efforts of Double Play short stop, Gloria Gamba, the fifteen strikeouts as administered by Miss Greenwood proved disastrous for the opposing team.

The season started on June 21 with Kraft Foods Co., Butler Bros. Co., Presidio Wacs, Letterman Wacs, Treasure Island Waves, Double Play Dandies and Sherrys entered in league competition.

INDUSTRIAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

September 12 has been set for the commencing of the Industrial Men and Women tennis tournament with play slated for Sundays starting at 9 A. M. Scheduled to become the scenes for the singles matches are the courts at Angelo J. Rossi, Arguello Boulevard and Edward St.; Clement, 30th Avenue near Clement; Crocker-Amazon, Geneva and Moscow Streets; Richmond # 2, 18th Avenue and Clement Street.

Three divisions will accommodate beginning, novice, and championship caliber players. Participants are to play two matches each time they are scheduled to perform.

Serving on the tennis committee are Rose Fogarty and James Lang of the Recreation Department.

charged to cover the cost of bus transportation to and from camp and the cost of a hot lunch and an afternoon snack.

Success of the day camp is due to the fine team work of all who are concerned beginning with the playground directors who acquaint the children with camp and collect the necessary fee.

In direct charge are Tony Patch, supervising director, and his assistant, Mary Allio. Much of their job entails organization and contact work, also seeing that each playground is allotted its quota, and making collections and taking care of transportation.

And then there is Susabel Dorsey, the enthusiastic and tireless director who manages the camp. It is also she who plans the meals and does the buying for the hungry youngsters; and how she manages to serve such excellent food at such nominal cost must remain a mystery to everyone but Susabel.

Assisting Miss Dorsey are the following camp counsellors who are in charge of the tent groups and sports competition among them, and also of the handicraft and musical activities—Betty Lou Schwarze, Jeanette Thompson, Patricia Green, Bill Collins, Bill Shipp, Serge Gregoriev.

So pleasant is the atmosphere at Silver Tree Camp that several teen-agers, Barbara Azevedo, Dianne Jensen, Audrey Fagnani, Jeri Oliver, Mary Lou Welsch, Tom Bill, Michael Landsworth and Irving Silverberg, volunteer their services as junior counsellors "just for the fun of it." Once campers themselves, they enjoyed the experience so very much that they have continued to assist the staff during the summer season.



Top picture, Dr. Lasky snaps a picture of Mrs. Lasky and sons, Michael (left) and Joe, alongside Birch Lake, the popular swimming and sunning place at Camp Mather.

On the opposite side is a large grassy area for sun bathers and a platform from which swimmers swim to a raft in the middle of the lake.

Middle picture (left to right) Roger Hagaman, Jerry McCord, Diane Warden, Werner Schmidt, Nancy Coggins, Norman Coggins, Vicky Barnes, Tommy Roper, take advantage of the riding concession at Mather.

In the picture below, campers wait for the dining room to open to appease hungry appetites.

See Page 1 for story.

ALL-BEETHOVEN PROGRAM AT SIGMUND STERN GROVE

A program featuring the works of Ludwig van Beethoven, with Kurt Herbert Adler conducting members of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, and Nannette Levi as violin guest artist, will be given on Sunday, September 12, 2:00 P.M., at Sigmund Stern Grove, 19th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard.

The program:

Egmont Overture

Symphony No. 7, in A Major

Poco Sostenuto-Vivace

Allegretto

Presto

Allegro con brio

INTERMISSION

Violin Concerto, in D Major, Opus 61

Allegro ma non troppo

Larghetto

Rondo Allegro

NANNETTE LEVI, soloist

Leonore Overture No. 3

This is the last orchestral concert of the Grove season, there being one remaining program on September 19 when the Players Club Light Opera Guild will present Gilbert and Sullivan's "H. M. S. Pinafore."

ANNUAL SWIMMING MEETS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER

The annual Recreation Swimming Meets will be held this year as follows:

Boys at Crystal Plunge, 775 Lombard Street, Saturday, October 9, 10:00 A.M.

Girls at Mission Pool, 19th and Angelica Streets, Friday, October 15, 3:30 P.M.

Contestants in both meets must be under eighteen years of age and must register at respective pools by October 8.

Those holding any championship are not eligible to compete in the playground events but may compete in all open events.

FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Men and women employees of member Industrial firms and their guests may participate in the Industrial Division Fall Golf Tournament to be held on the Richmond Golf Course, Richmond, California, on September 18, 19 and September 25 and 26. Due to the many entries expected there is a necessity to schedule the 18 hole play on two week ends.

Team and individual awards will be awarded to winners. A men's team low gross award and a men's low net award are to be given. Individual medals for the same events should bring out the competitive spirit for all who are planning on entering.

A Hole-In-One Tournament is also to be held with prizes awarded to those players whose ball comes closest to the pin. For those who are able to get low net scores in each flight, suitable awards are also to be given.

If any players have friends who would like to participate in this tournament, they are free to invite them to attend though guests may enter only in guest events.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Attempt the end and never stand to doubt;
nothing's so hard but search will find it out.

—HERRICK

SPECIAL ATHLETIC EVENTS**SOFTBALL**

S. F. Postoffice League, Sept. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,
6:30 P.M., Jackson Playground, 17th & Carolina.

BASEBALL

Night League, Classes AA & A, Sept. 6, 7, 8,
9, 10, 6:00, 8:00 P.M., Funston Playground, Chestnut & Buchanan.

Independent Games, Sept. 12, 10:00, 12:00, 2:00,
Father Crowley Playground, 7th & Harrison; Funston,
Chestnut & Buchanan; Jackson, 17th & Carolina;
Bay View, 3rd & Armstrong; Glen Park,
Chenery & Elk; Potrero Hill, 22nd & Arkansas;
Ocean View, Plymouth & Lobos; Angelo J. Rossi,
Arguello & Edward; James Rolph, Jr., Potrero &
Army; Portola, Felton & Holyoke.

BOWLING

Industrial Mixed Bowling League, Downtown
Bowl, Eddy & Jones, 7:00 P.M., Sept. 7, 8.

WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Industrial Women Bowlers are busy practicing
whatever bowling technique they can scrape up for
the league which will begin on September 20.

Bowling sessions will be held at Golden Gate,
Powell, and, if necessary, at the Rialto Bowl. Time
will be set for 6 P.M. with Class "B" bowling on
Tuesdays; "C" on Tuesdays and Wednesdays;
"A" on Wednesday.

Five players are to participate on one team.
A Double round robin with a "Bowl off" among
the winners of the various classes at the conclusion
of the regular schedule will be held. Firms may
enter as many teams as they wish.

Women bowlers who wish to participate in this
league must belong to the Women's International
Bowling Congress. A fee of \$1.25 may be paid
to Bea Wohler, Secretary, S. F. Women's Bowling
Association, 88 Santa Fe Avenue, San Francisco.

TOUR MEMBERS GET-TOGETHER

The many au revoirs said on July 6 as members
of the Industrial Division Summer Tour spent the
last days of their transcontinental trip together
were turned into hellos when a reacquaintance
night was held on August 31, 6:00 P.M. Sigmund
Stern Grove, 19th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard,
was the scene for the affair.

All "vagabonds" who took the trip were invited
to attend this get-together event. A picnic-supper
was enjoyed, after which there was a showing of
movies, scrapbooks, and snapshots of the trip as
recorded by souvenir keepers.

RECIPE FOR PRESERVING CHILDREN

Take one large, grassy field, one half dozen children,
two or three small dogs, a pinch of brook
and pebbles. Mix the children and the dogs well
together and put them in the field with flowers.
Spread over all a deep blue sky, and bake in the
hot sun. When brown, remove and set away to
cool in a bathtub.

—National "Recreation" magazine.

MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

Industrial Mixed Bowling Tournament is now
proceeding with its 11th week in Group "C", a
competition with sessions held on Tuesdays and
Wednesdays respectively for those classes at the
Downtown Bowl. Due to July 4 holiday Class "B"
league, which meets on Monday evening, is now
completing 10 weeks of competitive bowling as of
August 16.

In Class "A" Vets Administration #3 leads with
a 21 win, 9 lost, record. This team is followed by
Tay-Holbrook #1, Vets Administration #2,
Macy's of San Francisco, Federal Reserve, Matson
Navigation, Bank of America-Main, Metropolitan
Life #1, Libby McNeill & Libby, Bank of Ameri-
ca-Trust, Hills Bros. #1 and W. P. Fuller.

Top individuals with the highest averages in
"A" group are R. Beeton, 173 average; K. Peter-
son, 166; A. Grumm, 166.

Class "B" division is now headed by teams from
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph, Butler Bros. #1,
Owens-Illinois, Kraft Foods, Crocker Bank, Fire-
man's Fund #1, Premier Insurance #1, Hills
Bros., Premier Insurance #2, Tay-Holbrook,
Macy's of S. F.

"B" high average getters include D. Faktor,
175 pin average; H. Birns, 173; Bill Erickson, 159;
V. Schraub, 158; F. Goetter, 153; N. De Luca, 153;
N. Mitchell, 153; Bob Devine, 151. V. Schraub is
top 200 game getter with three to his credit. Bob
Devine has two as he gained 223 pins for his top
high game. Other 200 game series, as recorded in
the bowling annuals include Erickson, Faktor,
Birns, Goetter, Mitchell and K. Raymond.

Holding on to first place in Class "C" for the 4th
consecutive week is the squad from Vets Adminis-
tration #1. Second place finds Bank of America-
Bonds and Pacific Hartford Club sharing that place
honor. In order after the leaders are U. S. Marine
#1, Pacific Hartford, Hills Bros. #3, Fireman's
Fund #3, Simmons Co., Libby, McNeill & Libby,
Butler Bros., U. S. Marines #2, Premier Insurance
and Travelers Insurance Company.

Bob Butler of the Pacific Hartford Club, has
been highly instrumental in his squad being among
the top teams in Class "C". Thus far, he has been
able to hang on with a 167 average and collect
two 200 games. John Millar and T. Tobias have
also hit a 200 game a piece.

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A portion of the river which will serve as a swimming pool for the children's mountain camp that the Recreation Department is planning to construct on the old Ike Dye camp site in Tuolumne County, thirty miles from Yosemite National Park. [Bill Burkhardt of the S. F. News is wading.]

A large meadow will serve as camping grounds for 300 children, while across the river a lodge and recreation center will provide indoor fun.

CITY CHILDREN TO HAVE MOUNTAIN AND DAY CAMPS

Most important to the children of San Francisco was the meeting of the Recreation Commission on December 4 for one of the principal discussions centered around plans for a day camp and a mountain camp for youngsters.

Negotiations were ordered under way for the purchase from the San Francisco Housing Authority of additional land adjoining the 47 acres of Glen Park Reservoir district property just purchased from the Public Utilities Commission.

It will require several years to develop the area for an ideal day camp with rustic cabins and shelters. Meanwhile the area in back of Glen Park Playground will continue to serve as a day camp for a limited number of children.

USE OF PROPERTY APPROVED

Also at its last meeting the Recreation Commission read and formally accepted the Public Utilities Commission resolution extending the privilege to the Recreation Department to construct a children's mountain camp on the 163-acre tract known as Ike Dye camp, four miles from the Recreation Department's family camp at Mather in Tuolumne County. The Recreation Department is now in a position to make definite plans for the development of this project.

The Ike Dye property, with its large meadow and pine woods, has an elevation of 4500 feet above sea level and should prove an ideal spot for a camp. A large river, where trout are plentiful, can readily be dammed to make an excellent swimming pool.

Surrounding country invites hiking over fascinating trails to discover mountain lakes and wild life. This region is legendary in early California history. Indian arrowheads can easily be found in the soil throughout the area.

Plans include a lodge and recreation center for indoor fun while outdoor activities will include hiking, swimming, woodcraft, camping and nature lore.

Some 30 summer shelter houses will provide quarters for 300 children a day during the summer vacation period. The cost for each child will be nominal.

Some of the buildings will be so constructed as to serve for use during the winter when the project will serve as an adult camp for winter sports.

Money for the purchase of property and development of both day camps was provided under the 1947 Recreation Bond Fund.

"WITHIN THESE WALLS"

Halloween parties at the many housing centers proved to be the top holiday event for the many groups.

Sponsored by the Jolly Girls' Social Club at CHANNEL, a pre-Halloween mask dance provided thrills, fun, and surprises on October 27. More than seventy-six boys and girls danced to the music of Haley's Heartbreakers.

During holiday week party games, refreshments were enjoyed by each group. Among them were Tweeners, Starlighters, and Spirits. At the same event, given by the latter organization, members' parents and friends were entertained with folk dancing, singing and handplays.

At DOUBLE ROCK a Lotto party engaged youngsters on October 19 with gifts and prizes being awarded to winners. While children were holding their Halloween party, October 29, 200 teen agers crowded the dance floor at a costume ball as Joe Parker and his orchestra furnished music accompaniment.

More than sixty GUAM VILLAGE children were treated to a singing-dancing type of Halloween party. For the many games played winners were awarded prizes.

On October 20 the boys' physical fitness group at HUNTERS POINT GYMNASIUM performed for friends and parents. The previous day 250 adults and children participated in peanut rolling, apple dunking, and watermelon-eating contests. In the last match Ben Clark took things in stride to take the last event.

Under the direction of Mr. Kingsbury and his assistants, SUNNYDALE'S boys who have attended woodcraft meetings have begun work on their chosen projects.

For older teen age groups a party for 82 persons was held on October 27. The Dale's Junior Teen Agers, not to be outdone by their elders, greeted fellow members and friends at a potluck dinner and holiday dance, to which youngsters came dressed in costumes. Younger children at the center also held a gala party with singing games and telling stories on Halloween eve.

In a basketball game, which saw the lead change hands often, VALENCIA GARDENS' junior varsity, which promised to be outstanding, lost by a close margin, 43-42, to St. James School, October 19.

To determine costume winners at a gaily decorated party, children lined up for a grand march, October 28. Later all the Gardens' youngsters participated in community singing and had their futures foretold by a fortune-teller, who was dressed in a witch costume.

Aside from the holiday trend, WESTSIDE COURTS' young group held a carnival instead of a party. Skills at the various dart-throwing, quoits, apple-shooting booths were apparent among both boys and girls. To top off events a fortune teller was added to the already-crowded tent grounds.

CANDLESTICK COVE'S 90 and 110 pound touch tackle football squads have topped their respective leagues as of November 1.

THREE STORY LEAGUES MEET FOR CRAB CIOPPINO

A crab cioppino dinner was featured at the Golden Gate Story League's November 17 party which was held at Sigmund Stern Grove. Josephine Gardner was the cook and she got her recipe straight from the North Beach district.

Members of the Treasure Island Story League from Richmond and of the Central Story League from the Central Baptist Church joined with the Golden Gate Story League for this autumn event.

Dinner was \$2.50 and the proceeds will be used to build up the treasury which has become depleted as funds were used to send delegates to the national convention of the Story League at Knoxville, Tennessee.

After dinner, members of all leagues present contributed stories for the entertainment of all.

YE TEEN AGERS

Election returns of BAY VIEW'S recent election found Joe Testa, a holdover in the president's seat; Louie Alexander, boys' vice-president; Diane Carson, secretary; John Romero, Treasurer; inter-center council representatives, Eva Butler, and John Montgomery; sergeant at arms, Frank Romero. Plans for their Fifth Anniversary have been set for Saturday. Members and alumni are invited to attend this occasion.

A Thanksgiving buffet-dinner dance on November 20 was enjoyed by NORTH BEACH teen agers.

HAYES VALLEY teen club held a "Record Romp" at the clubhouse, November 13. Featuring the works of Vaughn Monroe, Dizzy Gillespie, and other modern music makers, a large group of members and their friends attended the dance.

To raise funds for children's Christmas party, the HAYES VALLEY Mothers' Club sponsored a Silver Tea at the Cottage on November 19.

A record crowd took part in a jive-dance session at OCEAN VIEW, November 12.

CITY EMPLOYEES' SOFTBALL

At the conclusion of the first half of a double round robin series, the Park Department squad with a four win, one lost record, now heads the City Employees' Softball League.

With games scheduled at Rolph and Hayward Playground diamonds, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, at 8:30 P.M., the second of the series will include the many postponed games.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
Park Department	5	1
Municipal Garage	4	1
Juvenile Court	4	1
Elkton Shop	2	3
Bus Operators	2	3
Geary Barn	2	4
Controller's Office	0	6

PATHS TO ADVENTURE AND BEAUTY

The man or woman who cannot turn to books for rest and stimulation, in sickness or in grief, or just plain boredom, is poverty-stricken indeed. Before a child goes to school he should have a curiosity about books and a joy in them. They are doors to the beautiful, and windows opening on fairy seas. They are paths to adventure and beauty.

—JOHN FARRAR.



Norman Center, Camp Mather manager, and Edward McDevitt, Recreation Commission secretary, are looking over the Ike Dye meadow where an early settler first cleared the land. This is part of the 163-acre area upon which will be built a children's mountain camp. See story on Page 1.

RECREATION COMMISSION INDORSES GREAT BOOKS GROUP DISCUSSION

Soon after the New Year, San Francisco citizens will have an opportunity to participate in classes which will read and discuss the literary masterpieces of all ages, ranging from Plato's *Apology* and *Crito*, and the Bible, to the Declaration of Independence and the Communist Manifesto.

The nationwide program of free education for adults is being sponsored here by the San Francisco Great Books Committee, the Recreation Department, the Public Schools, the Public Library and the Great Books Foundation, of which Chancellor Robert M. Hutchins of the University of Chicago is chairman. It is made possible in San Francisco by a grant from the Rosenberg Foundation.

The aim of the Great Books Foundation is to get people to read and discuss the books and become familiar with what some of the great thinkers of the ages have had to say on problems which are a part of everyday life. The discussions will relate the profound insight into problems of mankind that the Great Books provide with the personal, moral and social problems of today.

Training programs for leaders of the groups will start December 6 and 7. Any adult who wishes to lead a discussion group can now obtain application blanks from Miss Yvonne Rodgers in the San Francisco Great Books Committee office in the Public Library, HEmlock 1-2121, Local 289.

The leader training classes will read and discuss The Declaration of Independence, sections of the Bible and of Thucydides' History, Plato's *Apology* and *Crito*, Aristophanes' *Lysistrata*, Aristotle's *Ethics*, St. Augustine's *Confessions*, and The Com-

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COMMUNITY CHEST

The Superintendent wishes to thank the Recreation personnel for their fine cooperation in putting the Department's quota over the top in the Community Chest campaign, and wishes also to commend the Fulton Playground Mothers' Club for their generous contributions through this department.

DIRECTORS TO MEET

Full-time Playground directors are invited to attend Folk Dancing class, beginning Tuesday, November 23, 11:30 A.M. at Hayes Valley Center, Hayes and Buchanan Streets. Dance instructions will be given at these meetings.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE

A series of programs of particular interest to children is being presented by the Children's Theatre Association, headed by Mrs. Lloyd Dinkel-spiel, at the War Memorial Veterans' Theatre, at 10:30 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. on the Saturdays listed below. Tickets are 25¢, 50¢, and 75¢, and may be secured in advance at the City of Paris.

November 27—Cinderella
December 18—Pinafore
February 19—Oliver Twist
March 19—Aladdin
April 30—Junior League play.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

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unist Manifesto. They will be conducted by Milton Mayer of the Great Books Foundation, with the assistance of Dean Clarence H. Faust of Stanford, Dean James L. Hagerty of St. Mary's College, and others.

At the conclusion of the leader training programs, Great Books groups will open throughout the city. There is no charge for admission to either the leader training program or the discussion groups.

MEN'S BASKETBALL ENDS

Playoff and championship games are now in session to determine winners in Men's Industrial Basketball Tournament at Kezar Pavilion.

At a first count of Popularity Polls, Sterling Furniture Company is the only sure winner in Class CC-C division American. Other squads in first place with a slight margin of votes over second place teams include: Class AA-A, San Francisco Fire Department; Class BB-B, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; Class CCC, National League, Bank of California; Class DD-D, American League, W. & J. Sloane; Class DD-D, National, Crocker First National Bank.

Team standings through November 3:

Class AA-A		Won	Lost
Bank of America		6	1
S. F. Fire Department		6	1
Safeway		4	3
Fireman's Fund		4	3
Southern Pacific		4	3
Pacific Tel. & Tel.		3	4
S. F. N. S.		1	6
Standard Oil		0	7
Class BB-B		Won	Lost
P. S. E. A.		6	1
Paramount Pictures		6	1
Graybar Electric		5	2
Metro. Life Insurance		3	4
Premier Ins. Co.		3	4
Simmons		2	5
S. F. N. S. (X17)		2	5
Butler Bros.		1	6
Class CC-C American		Won	Lost
Sterling Furniture		6	0
W. P. Fuller		5	1
Baker-Hamilton		4	1
Loyalty Ins.		2	4
American Can		2	4
Pope & Talbot		1	5
Bank of America		1	5
Class CC-C National		Won	Lost
Pacific Far East		6	1
Bank of Calif.		6	1
Calif. Pack. Corp.		5	2
American Pres. Lines		4	3
Pacific Fire Rating		4	3
Hartford Ins.		2	5
Hibernia Bank		1	6
Safeway		0	7
Class DD-D American		Won	Lost
W. & J. Sloane		5	1
Western Pacific		4	2
Remler Radio		4	2
Link Belt		4	2
Glen Falls Ins.		2	4
American Factors		2	4
Vets. Adm. #12		0	6
Class DD-D National		Won	Lost
Anglo Bank		6	0
Royal Liverpool		5	1
Levi Strauss		4	2
Watson-Meehan		3	3
Crocker Bank		2	4

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SPECIAL ATHLETIC EVENTS**TABLE TENNIS**

S. F. Municipal Federation Boys & Girls' Table Tennis Tournament, November 27, commencing at 10:30 A.M., at following playgrounds: James Rolph, Jr., Potrero & Army; Glen Park, Chenery & Elk; Portola, Felton & Holyoke; Hayes Valley, Hayes & Buchanan; Cabrillo, 38th Ave. nr. Cabrillo.

SOFTBALL

S. F. City Employees League, 8:30 P.M., M. S. Hayward, Golden Gate & Gough, Nov. 24; James Rolph, Jr., Potrero & Army, Nov. 22, 23, 25.

BASEBALL

Independent Games, Classes AA, A, B and C, November 28, 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, Father Crowley Playground, 7th & Harrison; Funston, Chestnut & Webster; Jackson, 17th & Carolina; Bay View, 3rd & Armstrong; Glen Park, Chenery & Elk; Potrero Hill, 22nd & Arkansas; Ocean View, Plymouth & Lobos; Angelo J. Rossi, Arguello & Edward; James Rolph, Jr., Potrero & Army.

BOWLING

Industrial Men's League, 6:15 P.M., Bagdad Bowl, 1641 Ellis, Nov. 24, 25; Mission Bowl, 3140 Mission, Nov. 24; Sports Center, 3333 Mission.

PLANNING FOR LIVING

Much evil comes from not recognizing that most men and women (including ourselves) are so built that they need leisure and living as they need food, water, air and sleep.

This little children know. If, as men gain maturity, without losing their maturity they can retain the child's ability to live fully each day; then their world will become a much easier planet for all.

—HOWARD BRAUCHER, September 1948, National "Recreation" magazine.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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	Won	Lost
Palace Hardware	1	5
City of Paris	0	6

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SILVER TREE DAY CAMP

Silver Tree Day Camp serves boys and girls from 7 through 12 years of age from all parts of San Francisco. It is conducted directly behind the Community building at Glen Park Playground.

Camp is operated during the entire summer school vacation period. The cost is One Dollar and Seventy-five Cents (\$1.75) per week, Monday through Friday. This fee includes transportation to and from camp each day, balanced lunch and an afternoon snack. It is payable in advance and must be entirely cleared one week before attendance at camp.

Silver Tree Camp offers our playground children a happy camp-like experience away from their immediate home surroundings. Physical space, eating together in groups, building a campfire, hiking, sharing in the development and participation in an evening campfire program becomes a deeply satisfying adventure.

Camp Schedule

<u>Dates</u>	No. of Play- grounds	Daily Attend- ance	:	Dates	No. of Play- grounds	Daily Attend- ance
June 27-July 1	10	145	:	Aug. 1-Aug. 5	6	107
July 5-July 8	7	119	:	Aug. 8-Aug. 12	10	130
July 11-July 15	10	125	:	Aug. 15-Aug. 19	6	110
July 18-July 22	10	112	:	Aug. 22-Aug. 26	10	120
July 25-July 29	8	135	:	Aug. 29-Sept. 2	10	120

Daily Program

8:30 - Chartered Motor Coach leaves playground.

Morning Activities:

Flag Raising, Crafts, Nature, Lore, Hiking

12:15 - Luncheon

Afternoon Activities:

Quiet Period, Music, Crafts, Story-telling, Dramatics,
Hiking.

3:45 - Afternoon Snack, Campfire and Special Events

4:45 - Flag Lowering

5:00 - Chartered Motor Coach leaves Camp for home playgrounds.

On Thursdays, chartered motor coach leaves first playground for camp at 12:30 P.M.; leaves camp at 8:00 P.M. to return children to playgrounds (in order that the campers may enjoy an evening campfire program at Silver Tree Camp.) Parents are invited to visit the campfire program Thursday evenings at 7:00 o'clock as guests of the campers.

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GLEN PARK DAY CAMP

The wooded hills and rippling rills,
Hiding a snake or two,
Bring country thrills to Jacks and Jills
And camping fun to you.
While pitching tents and taking turns
With quips to rouse fair mirth,
The flowing campfire slowly burns
And warms our hearts toward Mother Earth.

THE CHILDREN'S "SILVER TREE" CAMP

Silver Tree Day Camp was so named because of the wooded section of tall eucalyptus trees at Glen Park Playground. The hills in back of the playground lend themselves admirably to hiking. The camp affords San Francisco's playground children an opportunity to enjoy some of the fun of camping outdoors.

Some 200 children register for a week's stay and these are divided into groups. Each group has its

own tent which they pitch upon the site of their choice when they arrive at camp for the first time on Monday morning.

Each child has some little job to perform, such as gathering wood, watching the fire and putting it out with water at night, helping to serve lunch, raising and lowering the flag, and keeping the place generally orderly, and so on.

A busy morning of hiking, nature lore and
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Jimmy Morris of Father Crowley Playground, one of the softball players in the junior division of the Municipal League.

BOYS' SOFTBALL RESULTS

With three age divisions the San Francisco Federation Softball League started play on April 17 with 85 clubs on the schedule. Rained out for the first two weeks, the League did not get under full way until May 1.

Play was completed in the three divisions on Saturday, June 26, with championship games being played at Portola, James Rolph, Jr., and Excelsior Playgrounds.

Winners and runners-up in the three divisions were as follows: Junior Division—James Rolph, Jr. Playground, 1st, and Visitacion Valley, runner-up; Intermediate Division—Portola, 1st, and Jean Parker Schoolyard, runner-up; Seniors—Glen Park, 1st and Visitacion Valley, 2nd.

FUNSTON EVENING BASEBALL

Elimination tournament in Funston's Night Baseball League started July 6 with two games being played every evening on the Funston diamonds at 6:00 and 8:00 P.M. Play will continue for approximately two or three weeks.

Funston's newly surfaced diamonds with their up-to-date flood lighting system are being put to good use every evening, with many spectators from the neighborhood turning out to see the games.

RECREATION COURSE AT S. F. STATE COLLEGE

Mr. Fritz Redel, outstanding authority on group work, recreation, juvenile delinquency and camping, is now giving a six weeks' course at San Francisco State College, from 9:30 to 10:20 A.M. The course carries two units.

DISTRICT PROGRAM—THIRD WEEK

Treats galore will surprise children in the various playground districts. Already lined up for group participation are swimming, theatre parties, roller skating and sightseeing trip listed among the many activities.

Calling children from Chinatown, Ellis, Polk districts, a swimming party will be held at Crystal Plunge on July 15 at 1:30 to 3:30 P.M., so bring your own bathing suits and towels for the event. Girls are requested to bring a swimming cap.

On July 15 at 1:30 P.M. Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Bugs, "ehh, What's Up Doc?" Bunny and his trademark, a carrot, and a whole host of their friends in the cartoon world will greet members of District III (Mission-Noe Valley). Groups of youngsters from District IV (South Market-Potrero-Bay View) will invade a theatre for their movie party on July 15. The bills and program will be kept as a surprise for the children.

Teen agers and small fry from Outer Mission in District V are invited to go roller-skating on July 15 at Skateland by the beach. A day of fun will be guaranteed to all who attend this session.

An unusual treat in the form of a tour of Mills Field and observation tower will thrill youngsters from Sunset, Taraval, Ingleside (District VI) on July 14.

To highlight the week for boys and girls of the Richmond District, a play day featuring games and contests will be held at Angelo J. Rossi Playground on July 15.

District VIII (Marina-North Beach). For a full day of fun, children will go roller-skating at Skateland at the beach in the morning, and picnic or take excursions to nearby points of interest from 1 P.M. to 3:30 P.M., July 15, for those ambitious ones who enjoy hiking.

Housing Center's chief attraction on July 14 will be focused at Gilman Playground with a scavenger hunt and picnic on schedule for the day. Relays, games, surprises and loads of other thrills will be among the activities on the day's agenda.

MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

In Industrial Division Mixed Bowling Tournament, thirty-seven squads have entered competition which started play on June 7. Locale of the sessions is the Downtown Bowl, Eddy and Jones Streets; time is set at 7 P.M.

Entered in Class A competition, which meets every Wednesday are Libby, McNeill & Libby, Vets' Administration #2, Metropolitan Life #1, Bank of America—Trust, Federal Reserve, W. P. Fuller, Macy's of San Francisco, Tay Holbrook #1, Matson Navigation, Bank of America—Main, Vets' Administration #3, and Hills Bros. #1.

Leading squad in Class "B" League, which meets on Mondays is Firemen's Fund with three wins and no losses. In order behind the leader are Butler Bros. #1, Pacific Tel. & Tel., Macy's of S. F., Owens-Illinois, Premier Ins. #2, Firemen's Fund #1, Hills Bros. #2, Kraft Foods, Crocker Bank, Premier Ins. #1, and Tay Holbrook.

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Each group has a tent to call its own for a week at Silver Tree Day Camp. Top picture shows two of the tents.

Eating outdoors is so-o good! (Center) Youngsters don't need a second invitation to lunch nor any of the coaxing they sometimes require at home.

(Lower) Jacqueline Wade and Joan Tyson help bring on some of the chow.

SILVER TREE CAMP

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handicraft is interrupted only by lunch at noon, to be followed by a quiet period of rest.

Then they are ready to hear some records and later to dance to them. While listening to the music most of the children are busy making chains, belts or bracelets to wear. Nearly every child cuts himself a reed from the hills to hollow out for a ring to hold his bandana in place.

An afternoon snack of cocoa and cinnamon bread around the campfire with perhaps a story being told or some other special event always heightens the day's fun. After the lowering of the flag at 5:00 o'clock, youngsters are off in the bus for home.

On Thursdays, children remain at camp for the evening, for that is the time they invite their parents to a campfire program. On the first Thursday evening's campfire, the children had 175 guests and the grounds rang with laughter and song.

A small charge of \$1.75 a week is made for each child and this amount covers bus transportation to and from camp as well as the cost of food.

BAY AREA INTER-CLUB PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The San Francisco Bay Area Council of Camera Clubs will hold its inter-club competition in the studio rooms of the Photography Center, at 7th and Bryant Streets on Wednesday, July 14, at 8:00 P.M. This will be an outstanding competition in which many of the leading amateur photographers will compete.

There is no admission charge, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

GROVE OFFERS SYMPHONY CONCERT

A symphony concert with Earl Bernard Murray conducting the San Francisco Recreation Symphony Orchestra will be the next program at Sigmund Stern Grove, 19th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard, to be given on Sunday, July 18, at 2:00 P.M. Eugene Bayless, tenor, will be the guest artist.

The program:
Fugue, G Minor Bach
Symphony No. 8 (Unfinished) Schubert

Bois Epais Lully
La Fleur Que Tu M-Avis Jetee Bizet
EUGENE BAYLESS, Tenor

Suite from Carmen Bizet
INTERMISSION

March in E Flat Holst
Three Rumanian Dances Bartok
La Calinda Delius

Water Boy Robinson
Time For Making Songs Has Come....Rogers
EUGENE BAYLESS, Tenor

Marche Slave Tchaikowsky

This is the sixth in a series of free programs at Stern Grove, presented by the Sigmund Stern Grove Music Festival Association and sponsored by the Recreation Commission.

Program in the Grove on July 11 was the opera "La Traviata" given by the Pacific Opera Company, Arturo Casiglia, director.

NEW BADMINTON QUARTER

Now is the time for badminton players to sign up for the Recreation Badminton Club's next quarter of play in July, August and September.

One period a week is allotted each player, either from 7:15 to 8:30, or from 8:30 to 9:45 P.M., as the player may specify when making application at the Athletic Department, 1625 Market Street. Call HEmlock 1-2121, Local 369 if you wish application to be mailed you.

Applications may indicate choice of either of these two gymnasiums on evenings shown: Presidio Junior High School, 30th Avenue and Clement Streets, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. On Thursdays, there is one period only at this gymnasium, namely from 7:15 to 8:30 P.M. Aptos Junior High School, Aptos Avenue and Upland Drive, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

TEEN-AGE DOINGS

A benefit dance to help augment transportation fees to send club member Ollie Matson to the Olympic tryouts was held on June 26 at the YWCA on Buchanan Street by HAMILTON TEEN CENTER. Members also presented him luggage as a going-away gift.

Teen agers from the Sunset district gathered, talked and danced at a dance given by OCEAN VIEW TEEN members on July 1. The dance hall was gaily decorated by members for the occasion.

NORTH BEACH teen agers enjoyed a jukebox dance held at the center on June 25.

BOWLING

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Tuesdays are reserved for Class "C" bowling competitors. Among the squads entered are Vets' Administration #1, Hills Bros. #3, U. S. Marine #1, Pacific Hartford Club, Simmons Co., Travelers Ins. Co., Firemen's Fund #3, Premier Ins., Butler Bros. "C", Bank of America—Bonds, U. S. Marine #2, and Libby, McNeill & Libby.

JOSEPH LEE WEEK OBSERVANCE

In order to clear an error made in last week's issue, the Bulletin makes this statement:

The Recreation Department is pleased to acknowledge the gracious cooperation of the following organizations in the observance: Churches of San Francisco; Second District Parent-Teachers Association—Mrs. George A. Hindley, President; Group Work and Recreation Council of the Community Chest—Mrs. George Kulchar, Chairman of the Executive Board; Central Council of Improvement Clubs—Dr. Glen C. Sheldon, President; San Francisco Chamber of Commerce—Mr. Harold B. Mills, Manager, Public Affairs Department; American Federation of Labor, S. F.—Mr. Frank Fitzgerald, Director, Community Services Department; Congress of Industrial Organizations, S. F.—Mr. John Lindberg, Director of Community Services; S. F. Library Department—Mr. Laurence Clarke, Librarian; S. F. Retail Dry Goods Association—Mr. Karl Stull, President. Mrs. Henry Dippel, Recreation Commissioner, as President, San Francisco Federation of Women's Clubs and as State Chairman, Native Daughters of the Golden West, will present the plan of cooperation to these organizations.

SPECIAL ATHLETIC EVENTS

SOFTBALL

Men's City-Wide League, July 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 6:15, 7:30, 9:00 P.M., James Rolph, Jr. Playground, Potrero & Army; Margaret S. Hayward, Golden Gate & Gough; and 7:00 P.M., Angelo J. Rossi, Arguello & Edward.

V.F.W. League, July 18, 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, Aptos Playground, Aptos & Ocean, 2:00, James Rolph, Jr., Potrero & Army.

Tri County League, July 18, 12:00 M., Margaret S. Hayward Playground, Golden Gate & Gough. **Recreation Women's League**, July 12, 13, 14, 15, James Rolph, Jr. Playground.

Girls' League, July 16, 10:30 A.M. at various playgrounds.

BASEBALL

Municipal Federation Baseball, 10:00 and 12:00 Noon, Junior Division—July 14, at following playgrounds: Father Crowley, Funston, Bay View, Ocean View, Portola, Rolph, Jackson, Rossi and Glen Park. Intermediate and Senior Divisions—July 17, Father Crowley, Funston, Jackson, Rossi, Ocean View, Glen Park, Bay View Playgrounds.

Industrial League, July 16, 7:30, Funston Playground, Chestnut & Buchanan.

Night League, July 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 6:00, 8:00 P.M., Funston Playground diamonds.

Summer League, Classes AA, A, B, C, July 18, 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, Father Crowley, 7th & Harrison; Funston, Chestnut & Buchanan; Jackson, 17th & Carolina; Bay View, 3rd & Armstrong; Glen Park, Chenery & Elk; Potrero Hill, 22nd & Arkansas; Ocean View, Plymouth & Lobos; Angelo J. Rossi, Arguello & Edward; James Rolph, Jr., Potrero & Army; Portola, Felton & Holyoke.

BOWLING

Industrial Mixed Leagues, Downtown Bowl, Eddy & Jones, 7:00 P.M., July 12, 13, 14.

CHANGE IN DATES JOSEPH LEE WEEK

Below are several changes in dates of events to take place during Joseph Lee Week:

SWIMMING PROGRAMS, at Mission Pool and at Crystal Plunge, will be held at 2:00 P.M., Friday, July 30 (not Saturday as previously stated).

STORY PLAY DAY AT SIGMUND STERN GROVE, with the Golden Gate Story League, will be held on Monday, July 26 (instead of the 24th).

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BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

Revenue and Expenditures for the Year 1948-1949

Revenue

Swimming	\$ 609.85
Rentals	13,143.55
Other	<u>1,947.00</u>

Total Revenue \$15,700.40

Expenditures

Personal Services	\$1,045,819.14
Contractual Services	77,460.58
Materials & Supplies	60,784.59
Equipment	14,693.48
Improvements	29,400.00
Other	<u>132,793.98</u>

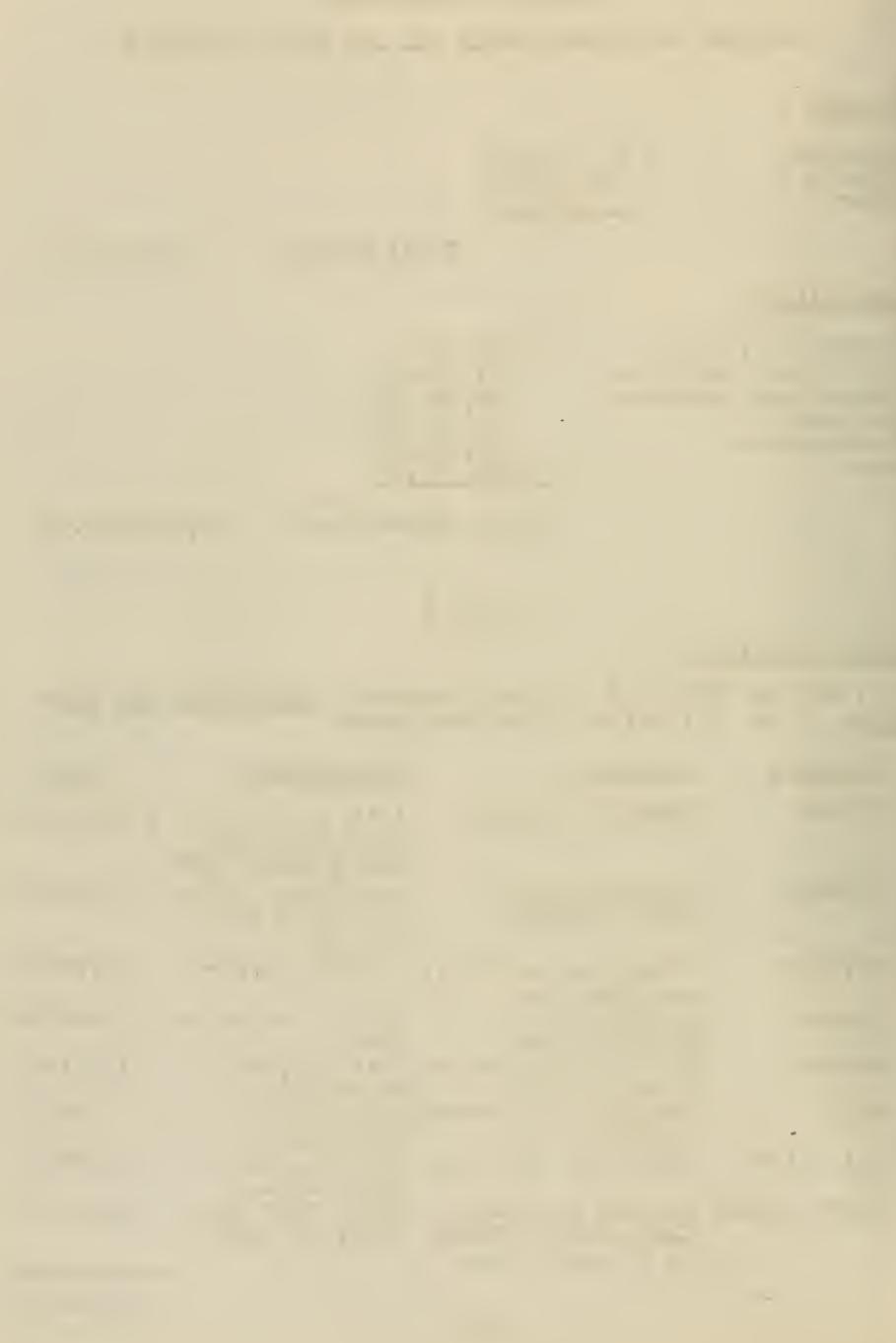
Total Expenditures \$1,360,951.77

L A N D

Land Acquisition

1. During 1948-1949 land was acquired, completing the purchase of the following playground sites:

<u>Property</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost</u>
BYXBEE	Byxbee & Shields	Lots 1,2,3,4,5, 6,37,38,39,41, 42,48, Block 7078	\$ 73,455.47
CHINESE	Washington and Mason Streets	Washington School Property- Block No. 213	50,000.00
DAY CAMP.	O'Shaughnessy Blvd. and 28th St.	-32.723 acres-	47,582.07
LAUREL	Collins Street & Euclid Avenue	Lot 21, Block No. 1068	45,547.50
MERCED	Near Eucalyptus Dr. & 26th Avenue	Lots 21D, 21E, Block 7201	32,332.35
MLEY	Greenwich and Baker Streets	Lots 29, 30, Block 942	6,054.00
SEA CLIFF	Beach and 25th Ave.	Lots 11, 12, Block 1301	23,879.00
SOUTH SUNSET	Bounded by 40th, 41st Aves. & Vicente & Wawona Sts.	South 500' feet of Block 2456	98,110.00
			\$376,960.39



Land Acquisition (continued)

2. Land was acquired toward the completion of purchase of the following playground sites:

<u>Property</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost.</u>
EUREKA VALLEY	19th Street and Collingwood St.	Lot 12, Block 2694	\$ 9,418.27
GRATTAN	Stanyan and Rivoli Streets	Lots 15 and 19, Block 1283	18,556.17
UPPER NOE	30th Street and Church St.	Lots 18,20,25,27, Block 6638	37,391.17
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			\$65,365.61

Land Transfers

The Public Utilities Commission granted permission for the use and development of the Ike Dye Place, Tuolumne County, as a Children's Mountain Camp, and to proceed with the development at this time. (P.U. Resolution #9271, dated Sept. 27, 1948)

The Park Commission agreed to transfer Franklin Square, Sixteenth and Bryant Streets, to the jurisdiction of the Recreation Commission, so that it could supplant Father Crowley Playground, Seventh and Bryant, soon to be lost by construction of the Bay Shore Freeway. (Commission meeting of March 17, 1948, page 569.) (See front cover)

Gifts

1. A \$15,000. donation from Commissioner Mrs. Sigmund Stern for acquisition of property adjacent to Sigmund Stern Grove.

2. A donation from the San Francisco Art Commission of seventeen theatrical sounding boards (4'x17' plywood.)

3. A donation of valuable symphonic orchestrations from Julius Haug, conductor, for use by the Recreation Symphony Orchestra.

New Office Location

In December, 1948, the widely separated department offices locations were given up, and all departments located in one central office, Third Floor, Civic Auditorium, 61 Grove Street.

CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE and REPAIR

Construction

During the fiscal year 1948-1949 the following construction work, exclusive of Bond Projects, was accomplished:

<u>Playground</u>	<u>Description</u>
DOUGLASS Twenty-sixth and Douglass Sts.	Complete rehabilita- tion
JAMES ROLPH Potrero Avenue and Army Street	Softball field flood- lighted
CHINESE Sacramento Street, between Stockton St. and Waverly Place	Sub-drainage system installed
HAYES VALLEY Hayes and Buchanan Streets	New heating system installed
JAMES ROLPH Potrero Avenue and Army Street	New fence fabric installed
POTRERO HILL Twenty-second and Arkansas Sts.	Boundary chain link fence installed.
EUREKA VALLEY Nineteenth Street and Collingwood	Two private structures razed

Grading and Landscaping

Work performed by Grading and Landscaping Crew included the regrading of all baseball diamonds on the various grounds and the regrading of dirt field areas.

Approximately 200,000 square feet of turf have been lifted and reset in the process of regrading baseball areas. A great deal of this turf was lifted and sent out to the various grounds from the sod nursery, located at Sigmund Stern Grove. In addition to sodding, approximately 300,000 square feet of area was sown with grass seed. Regraded approximately 11,500 square feet of red rock paths.

With permission of the Army, we removed thirty-five trees from tennis court area around Julius Kahn Playground. Trees at Sigmund Stern Grove and Glen Park were topped, or removed.

Approximately 4500 shrubs and numerous ornamental trees were planted on the various playgrounds.



Materials Purchased and Distributed
to Various Grounds

400 tons Tanbark	300 cu.yd. Clay
1200 lbs. Grass Seed	150 cu.yd. Red Rock
350 cu.yd. Loam	300 cu.yd. River Sand for ball diamonds

S H O P
Construction and Repair

Carpenter Shop

Constructed: 35 regulation type benches
50 Grove type benches
8 ping-pong tables
40 new slide beds
8 slide stands
10 new teeter boards
Numerous cabinets and tables
Fences on newly purchased
properties of the department
5 horseshoe courts reconstructed

Repaired: 330 Grove type benches
 35 Ping-pong tables
 30 Slide beds
 12 Slide Stands
 20 Teeter boards
 Many sets of furniture

In general, the usual maintenance repairs made throughout various grounds and buildings and wooden bleachers.

Paint Shop

Interior and exterior of approximately 20 buildings painted,
which included shower-rooms and gymnasium floors.
Approximately 298 signs painted, which included large play-
ground signs and poles.
All convenience stations were painted;
All flagpoles on all grounds;
All wooden and portable bleachers;
Fences on all grounds.

Refinished: 48 pieces of furniture, including hall trees,
chairs and cabinets
200 large type park benches
25 players' benches
40 iron benches
30 slide stands and stairs
80 ping-pong tables
Lines of all inside and outside courts
3 department cars

Shop Construction and Repair
(continued)

Apparatus Repair Shop

Installed: 1,200 feet of tennis cable
Several new pieces of apparatus
60 traveling rings
85 tennis nets

Replaced: Many tennis cable clamps, tennis post
ratchets
140 baby swing seats
140 flat type seats
85 tennis nets

Repaired: Many hundreds of feet of chain link
fabric fence (including reclamping
and relacing)
Numerous metal slides, posts, picket
fences, etc.

Welded: Numerous metal slides, posts, picket
fences, etc.

General maintenance of all apparatus - oiling and replacing
worn-out bearings, as needed.

Horticultural Nursery

Material sent out from Nursery:

50 street trees
40 ornamental trees
125 conifers
145 shrubs in variety
4,600 dozen cut flowers supplied to various
grounds, offices and concerts.
600 perennial plants, in cans, for
decorative purposes

Planted for Future Use:

300 perennial plants in 1-gallon cans, planted
in field for future use
400 cuttings of various plants
75 flats of seeds planted
7,000 shrubs and trees planted in containers
4,000 shrubs planted in field rows.

Pest Control Service to various grounds includes materials
used to spray trees and shrubs.

CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE and REPAIR
(continued)

Camp Maintenance

Also, the required maintenance work for opening and closing of Camp was performed. This includes refinishing of floor in the dining-room and bunkhouse.

During the last year all bath-houses were painted.

The turfed area was regraded in sections and top-dressed.

Several trees were felled and timber cut up for use in campfire and fireplaces.

A new baseball field was laid out and temporary grading was done. The completion of the grading and the sowing of the grass seed will be done in the Fall.

TELLING THE PEOPLE

Recreation is a promotional campaign. It is the recreation workers' job to interest people in doing and enjoying wholesome things. A city might have the best facilities in the nation, but if the public does not know about them, and does not use them, they might as well be non-existent. The advice, "Don't hide your light under a bushel," applies especially to a city recreation department.

To be sure, the public is aware of the services available, the department participates in a full public relations program. Newspaper releases, radio programs, magazine articles, exhibits, and every available media is used to tell our story.

Two of the most effective mediae were the department's motion picture and the weekly bulletin.

The Re-Creation Bulletin

Copies of The San Francisco Re-Creation Bulletin, official weekly publication of the Recreation Department constitute a major part of the material in this report.

With a circulation of 1500 copies, all recreation units, schools and PTA recreation chairmen receive information on recreation activities, and current material is made available for the use of newspapers and radio stations. Smaller publications frequently use verbatim copies of articles. The Shopping News uses material regularly, while considerable publicity has been given to Bulletin items by radio stations, particularly during the summertime.

Recreation Departments throughout the United States find it helpful to exchange ideas and have expressed themselves from time to time as most grateful for the program material they receive from the Recreation Bulletin. The department has frequently been pointed out for its fine program, at conferences and conventions to which old copies of the Bulletin are sent. Delegates to such meetings have commented that the Bulletin has served them as a splendid recreation pattern.

During the year copies of the Bulletin are sent in response to out-of-town inquiries for information on activities and are also given out at the department's office to the many persons who inquire for information. These include college students. The use of these old bulletin issues frequently precludes the necessity of having other printed material on hand.

Activities for the year were reviewed, with a special issue for each department: Athletics, Industrial Division, Teen-age, Children, Adults, Housing, Music, Drama and Dance, and Handicraft. These bulletins are particularly convenient to give out

where inquiries are made as to the activity program in general.

Among the many libraries which keep a complete set are those at the University of California, Stanford University, and at San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Milwaukee. Frequently requests are received from libraries for Bulletin issues which have been lost.

The mailing list of over 1500 includes principals, vice-principals and school counselors of schools, out-of-town recreation departments, newspapers, magazines, radio stations, Boards of Supervisors, PTA recreation chairmen, public libraries, junior and senior chambers of commerce, universities, recreation commissioners, the Department's own units, plus a large miscellaneous list of persons interested in the recreation field.

"RECREATION UNLIMITED"

This program consists principally of the preparing and showing of color and sound motion pictures of the many recreation activities that the City of San Francisco provides for people of all ages and all interests.

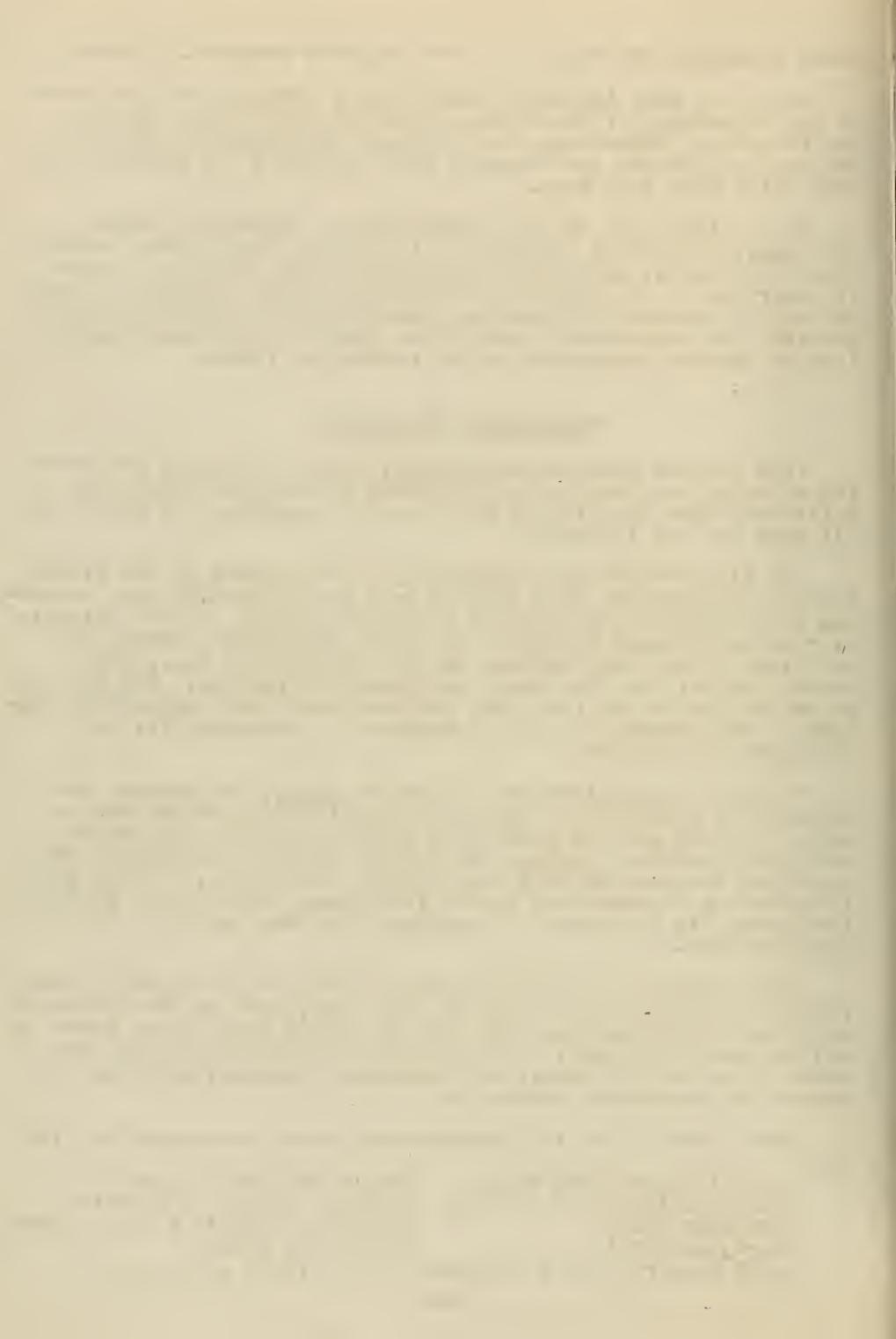
The film, "Recreation Unlimited," was prepared by the Visual Recreation Director, at a cost of less than \$1,000.00, not including photographer's (playground director) salary. It was officially released January 1, 1949. It covers all public recreation activities, and also features special activities, i.e., Camp Mather, Silver Tree Day Camp, and District Programs. The film is in natural color and the sound includes music and explanatory dialogue. The running time of 22 minutes is convenient for all organization programs.

Two main accomplishments are noted: First, the program acquaints the people as to what the Recreation Department has to offer, thereby greatly increasing public interest, attendance, and participation. Second, the program develops taxpayers' respect and interest in city departmental activities. A very popular reaction is expressed in the following, "When we see pictures like these, it is easier to understand for what good our tax money is used."

Since January 1, the Recreation Department has shown the current film "Recreation Unlimited" 170 times, with an attendance of more than 60,000 people. The film is booked about three times a day, months in advance. The popularity of the program is also noted in scores of letters and newspaper clippings praising the recreation department activities.

Just a few of the 170 organizations which have seen the film are:

Central Council and many	League of Women Voters
District Improvement Clubs	Women's Chamber of Commerce
Lafayette Clubs	Optimist, Kiwanis & Lions Clubs
Nearly all PTA's	California Greys
Local Universities & Colleges	Civil Service Association.



R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S

The following three recommendations are brief but sincere, and affect materially the affairs of the department:

It is respectfully recommended:

- (1) That the additional clerical, secretarial, and accounting personnel, denied in the last budget, be granted in the next budget so that the department's growing services and facilities may operate efficiently.
- (2) That only those capital expenditures that pertain to the safety of persons attending or using our facilities be included in the 1949-1950 budget.
- (3) That Bond Funds not be diverted from the specific purpose for which they were voted.

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